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2 held for fabricating evidence in **'82 Katz** slaying

BILL HUTMAN

five men serving life sentences for the brutal murder of Danny Katz over a decade ago were detained yesterday by police, on allegations they tried to fabricate evidence that would secure the men's

The arrests followed over a month of intensive investigation by police into the new "evidence" presented by the suspects, which at first glance appeared to necessitate the reopening of the entire lanny Katz case, which shook the

tion in the mid-1980s. Police even obtained a court der forbidding the publication of y details of the investigation, an that was lifted by the Petah



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (left) talks with a Palestinian merchant yesterday during a visit to Hebron, Story, Page 2.

Three Israelis identified among crash victims

THREE Israelis missing in Saturday's crash of hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Flight 961 in the Comoro Islands were yesterday identified by members of the Israeli task force that flew to

Two of the victims are Israel Aviation Industries employees Shraga Bar-Nissan, 50, of Carmei Yosef, director of IAI's Lahav sub-

headed the company's marketing division for Africa. (Story, Page 2) They had held tasks with the Ethiopian authorities about upgrading the (Conditioned on Page 5)

Netanyahu: Newarim is touchstone for Hebron

BATSHEVA TSUR and HERB KEINON

THE way Palestinians and Israelis a policy of dialogue. resolve leasion over Netzarim is "a touchstone" for successfully winding up the Hebron negotia-tions, which have remained static for a month, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yester-

Netanyahu said he had sent a message to this effect to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat on Sunday night Over the past two days the IDF has naoved tanks to Kibbutz Nahal Oz and armored personnel carriers

remains open "I viewed with gravity the attempt to create tension in Netzarim," Netanyahu said as he answered questions at a joint press conference with Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma.

to Netzarim junction to ensure it

"Both sides have to choose between cooperation and mcreasng trust or deterioration and reducing trust. This is the touchstone for completing the negotia-tions [over Hebron] and I hope that [the former] is what the other side wants," said Netanyahu.

"If anyone on the Palestinian side thinks that a policy of provocations to create friction bordering on violence will be diplomatically fruitful, they are mistaken," he-

Netanyahu said Israel would respond seriously to such a policy, but instead offers the Palestinians

I think the Palestinians understood the message that they will not get anywhere by using force," OC Southern Command Shlomo Yanai said yesterday at a press briefing. "We brought force to the junction, and if we need to we will bring additional force and all measures needed, including tanks."

PM blames Palestinians for stalled talks, Page 2

The Netzarim junction, blocked by Palestinians on Sunday, was open to traffic yesterday. Yanai said the roadblock was orchestrated by Arafat.

Shlomo Kostiner, the Netzarim spokesman, said that in discussions between IDF representatives and Palestinians on Sunday, it was made clear the IDF would use any measure to ensure the junction remains open.

Sunday night the IDF, in retalia-tion, closed the road in front of Kfar Darom to Palestinian traffic. The Palestinians reopened the Netzarim junction shortly afterward.

"We have solutions on a number of different levels, not only the use of force," Yanai said. "We prefer dialogue and not force. Our ability to close the [Gaza] Strip is large and varied, and they got the mes-

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High Court upholds law barring import of non-kosher meat

BOTH the "override" clause in the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation and the law barming imports of non-kosher meat are constitutional, nine High Court justices ruled unanimously yesterday.

The court was ruling on a petition by Meatreal Ltd. and two other non-kosher meat iroporters against a 1994 law banning such imports. While the petition did not attack the override clause per se, the court's acceptance of the petition would have rendered the clause important.

The override clause permits 61 MKs to pass laws violating the principles of the Freedom of Occupation Law even if they do not serve "an

ples of the Freedom of Occupation Law, even if they do not serve "an appropriate purpose according with Israel's values as a Jewish and democratic state." It was added primarily to enable passage of the meat

Mearreal's petition argued that even with the override clause, however, the Knesset could not pass laws which violate the most fundamental principles of the Basic Law, as set our in its introductory paragraph. Furthermore, the petition said, the meat law violated several principles enshrined in the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom: Equality, religious freedom, and property rights. Since there is no override clause in this Basic Law, these violations make the meat law unconstitutional, the

Court President Aharon Barak, who wrote the opinion, dismissed Meatreal's first argument on the grounds that even if there were principles so fundamental that they could not be violated by the override clause, the meat law certainly did not affect any of them. The infringement on the petitioners' freedom of occupation is very limited, since they can still import kosher meat freely, he said.

Regarding the alleged infringement of the Human Dignity and Freedom Law, Barak began by assuming, for the sake of argument, that (Continued on Page 2)

Labor leaders meet in bid to defuse tensions

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR leaders are trying to reach an agreement between the rival camps in the party before Thursday's central committee meeting, to avoid a confrontation over the schedule of the party's convention and leadership show-

Meanwhile the rival Labor camps continued exchanging barbs and accusations.

Labor leader Shimon Peres yes-terday met candidates MK Ehud Barak – considered the favorite – and MK Haim Ramon separately, to discuss the possibility of reaching a compromise over the issue.

Barak met with MK Ephraim Sneh, himself a candidate for the leadership, on Sunday night and had several talks with MK Uzi Baram, a potential candidate, in an attempt to reach a compromise agreement.

Ramon yesterday urged Peres to present a clear position to the central committee members and tell



them what he wants, adding to close friends that unless Peres Ramon said Peres agrees to the compromise that he and MKs Beilin, Sneh, Baram and others were proposing to have the convention next April and the leader-

Labor MK Ehnd Barak

does so, "he should go home." ship showdown in June. (Continued on Page 9)

IDF soldiers to brush up on dental care

THE drill sergeant's instructions are loud and clear:

"Tooth brush in you mouth iii-

"Up down, left right!" "Up down, left right!"

Well, maybe not. But the army has taken it upon itself to teach its soldiers something it seems some of their parents never told them: it's healthy to brush your teeth, and don't forget to floss, too. Starting next year, special "dental hygiene squads" will assault decay in the mouths of IDF

Deploying in basic training camps and some courses, the squads will gather recruits into small groups and actually teach them how to brush and floss and use a toothpick and not eat so many sweets. And for the stub-

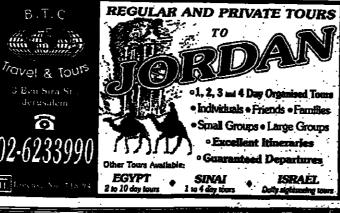
able and the local PX is equipped born, glossy photos of rotten teeth and bleeding gums may help get equipment like floss, paste and the message across to the captive audience that bad teeth is nothing

to smile about. "Dental hygiene is best taught during childhood. But the situation today is that the Ministry of Health has not done enough to ensure this so we in the IDF are bringing the message," said Lt. Col. Dr. Yitzhak Zilburg, head of dental health in the IDF. "The goal is to increase the awareness of dental hygiene among

Tooth brush training will not be limited to recruits and the tooth brush squads will seek out and instruct those in the permanent forces too, the army said. It will also make sure mess halls have a healthy supply of toothpicks availwith all the necessary teeth care

spare brushes.
"I don't know if the IDF has to be the national caretaker, but this

medicine doctrine. If in the years that they are in the army we are hygiene awareness then we will have made a contribution to soci-



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Missing passengers' families face the darkest news of all

THE families of the missing IAI employees and others from the skyjacked Ethiopian airlines plane had given up hope yesterday, and began to realize that their loved ones were most probably dead.

By yesterday evening three bodies had been identified by the special team sent to the

Shraga Bar-Nissan, of Karmei Yosef, was the managing director of the IAI's Lahav factory, which manufactures military aviation equipment. He and Amram Ben-David. of

families notified. The two, together with two other IAI employees, were in Africa on official business.

Moshe Keret, CEO of IAI, said yesterday that both Bar-Nissan and Ben-David were among the best the industry had known.

"Shraga was one of the most talented people have met and was due for promotion," said Keret. "He brought Lahav to great achievements and had wonderful contacts in Europe, Africa and South America. He was energetic, had integrity and the ability to meet both the Netanya, manager of the company's Africa company's and clients' commitments." Bardivision were positively identified, and their Nissan is survived by his wife Nehama and **RAINE MARCUS**

three children. Ben-David, said Keret, built a network of contacts in Africa "with his own hands," where he was involved with manufacturing and development. He was also considered an outstanding employee. He began working for IAI in 1978, as an engineer, and was appointed to his current position last April. His colleagues described him as "professional, pleasant and

The two additional IAI employees, 53-year old Gadi Levy, in charge of special projects, and electronics engineer Yehuda Soroka, are also presumed dead.

The body of 30-year old student Ya'acov Brown, of Tel Aviv, was also identified yesterday. Prior to the tragic news, his sister Orit said that the family had feared the worst. "When he was in the IDF," she said, "he was involved in dangerous missions. But now our fears and intuitions are worse."

Brown was on a three-month tour of Africa, where he had met Lior Fuchs, who survived the crash. He had let an elite police unit, and was about to start work with a security related institution here. He is survived by his parents

Others feared dead are ECI employee Yehezkel Raz, 40, of Tel Aviv. ECI specializes in telecommunications, including hi-tech equipment used by governments, military and security bodies, and operates here, in China, South America and Africa.

Father of two Eli Lebkovitz, 40, of Herzliya was also still missing, presumed dead last night. Lebkovitz was the regional marketing manager of a subsidiary of Clal, which specializes in the manufacture and development of optic-laser equipment, used in aviation and

Netanyahu blames PA for Hebron stalemate as talks resume

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

Minister Binyamin PRIME Netanyahu yesterday again placed the blame for the Hebron stalemate squarely on the Palestinians. "The world does not buy the story that israel is holding up the talks," he told a press conference in Jerusalem.
The Palestinians have to make a tations of peace." Meanwhile, Defense Minister decision in favor of cooperation and certainly not in favor of friction ...

and when they do, I see no obstacle" to completing an agreement. Netanyahu proposed to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat several days ago that they hold a summit meeting to end the deadlock over the Hebron deal, Channel 1 reported last night. The report said

Arafat had not vet responded. Talks on IDF redeployment in Hebron resumed last night for the first time this week,

In a letter to chief Israeli negotiator Dan Shomron, reported by AP, Palestinian counterpart Saeb Erekat said the expansion of Israeli settlements would lead Israel and the

Palestinians back into confrontation. Erekat said the decision by the Israeli government to build new homes in West Bank settlements "is not only a violation of the signed agreements, but also buries the hoped-for expec-

Yitzhak Mordechai ventured out of his armored car and took a walk down the contested Street of the Martyrs in Hebron yesterday, shaking hands and speaking fluent Arabic with Palestinians, meeting with Jewish settlers, and talking with IDF

It was Mordechai's fifth visit to the town in less than two months and comes as both he and Netanyahu have accused Arafat with delaying the agreement on redeployment.

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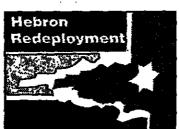
Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and other senior officers and flanked by no fewer than nine bodyguards. Mordechai strolled down Shuhada Road. Hebron Brigade commander Col. Gadi pointed out to Mordechai the boundaries between Palestinian-controlled H-1 and H-2, which will be under IDF supervision.

Pausing at the Avraham Avinu neighborhood, Mordechai spoke with Jewish settlers and then moved on to the market. He shook hands with Arab merchants, who urged him to agree to Palestinian demands to reopen Shuhada Road, where some of them had shops. Mordechai shook their hands,

mostly listened and said little. Israel closed the road following the February 1994 massacre of 29 Moslem worshipers by Baruch Goldstein in the Cave of the Patriarchs and the Palestinians are demanding it be reopened. Jewish settlers say to do so would harm frien

accused the Palestmans of manipulating it as a pressure tactic. "It is difficult for me to understand

security and Israeli officials, have



why the chairman of the Palestinian Authority does not accept the correct decisions in order to come to a signature of the agreement and progress in the process," Mordechai told

reporters. But he added he is certain an agreement is imminent and that the redeployment would take place "in a very short time."

Mordechai instructed IDF commanders in Hebron to prepare for the redeployment with reinforced troops, but ordered them not to carry out any unilateral actions until the agreement is signed, defense ministry officials

Palestinian bought camera to catch border policemen

AZZAM Maraka, a Jerusalem money changer, was by chance staying at his sister's home just north of the city about six weeks ago, when he heard a suspicious noise outside, and looked from the apartment window to see two border policemen crouched in ambush position.

What Maraka then saw, and filmed - the border policemen beating Palestinian workers grabbed domestic and international attention. For Maraka, a 41-year-old father of six, it was a dream come true.

"I have been beaten by border policemen, as have my brothers, and many people I know," Maraka said yesterday, sitting in his office on Sultan Suleiman Street, near the Old City.

"About three months ago, when I was in Holland on business, I bought a small video camera, so I could take pictures of what the border policemen do to as. I wanted to show the Jews, the Israeli street, how we are being treated," Maraka said.

The 35-minute video footage

taken by Maraka is the major

piece of evidence being used by the state in the prosecution of border policemen Tzahi Shmaya and David Ben-Abu. The footage was shown for the first time last week on Channel 1. "I live with my family in [the eastern Jerusalem neighborhoodl

of Ras Al-Amud, but by chance was staying over at my sister's apartment in A-Ram," said Maraka, recalling the incident. "I woke up at 5:20 in the

morning, to go to the mosque and pray. When I returned to the apartment, I heard noise outside,

(Continued from Page 1)

and looked outside and saw two border policemen crouched along the side of a nearby building," Maraka said.
"I waited five or six minutes,

and then they arrested the first two, or maybe three [Palestinian workers, who were trying to enter Israel without permits]. In all they detained six," said Maraka, whose sister's third floor apartment is near the A-Ram checkpoint into Jerusalem.

"Right away, the border policemen started hitting them. They called them, 'maniacs,' 'sons of a bitches,' and threatened them.

Maraka rejected the argument of the border policemen's lawyers that the Palestinian workers provoked the abuse.

Maraka said he turned on his camera just minutes after the incident began, and kept it on, changing cassettes once, until the border policemen took the six Palestinian workers away.

The entire time, he stood by the window, filming the scene below. "I wasn't scared. I knew that they couldn't see me, said Maraka, who described himself as a successful Palestinian businessman. In addition to the money changing shop in Jerusalem, he said he has seven souvenir and jewelry stores in

Rethiehem. Maraka said he didn't go directly to the media, having second thoughts about whether it would interest anyone.

Last week, however, Maraka showed the video to Palestinian photographer Mahfouz Abu

'Class of '96' T-shirt shows bound Arab. haredi men

In a boast of toughness, graduates of a Border Police training course ordered custom-made "Class of 96" T-shirts showing a Palestinian and a haredi man bound to a tree, a spokesman for the force confirmed yesterday.

The tree symbolizes a Border Police unit known as "Erez," Hebrew for cedar. The recruits involved in having the T-shirts printed will be disciplined, said Border Police spokesman Yehoshua Bauer.

Border Police commander, Yisrael Sadan, considered the shirts "childish" but did not think they insulted Palestinians and haredim, Bauer said. (AP)

Tourk, who advised him to go directly to Israel Television with

Maraka described the overall reaction from Israelis as positive. The Palestinian reaction, he said, was more reserved. "I think people were hurt that I took it first to Israel Television. But they have to understand that my point was to show the Israelis how we are being treated," Maraka said.

Maraka said that since the incident, he never lets his video camera leave his side.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Court orders show-cause in Federman case The High Court of Justice gave the state seven days yesterday to justify the administrative detention of former Kach spokesman Noam Federman. In a rare move, the justices issued the show-cause order without even examining the classified evidence against Federman, saying the case raised many questions irrespective of the weight of this evidence. The order requires the state to justify why Federman is being detained and why an alternative to arrest is not possible. Federman's attorney said the army fears he will instigate protest activity against the withdrawal from Hebron, which in turn could lead to bloodshed. Evelyn Gordon

Mordechai denies making political appointments Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai flatly denied yesterday he made any political appointment of Likud members into key military industry jobs, his spokesman said. Mordechai was reacting to a report on Channel 1 TV which said he appointed four Likud Party activists as directors in the military industries. The four were party branch heads, the TV said. Quoting from a Likud Party document announcing their appointment, chairman of the forum of branch heads praised the four and said they had the minister's blessing. It also urged the appointees to push their Likud Party beliefs in their new positions, the TV said. A statement from Mordechai's office said the defense minister made no appointments to the management of defense industries.

SLA soldier lightly wounded in security zone A South Lebanese Army soldier was lightly wounded during heavy exchanges in the security zone yesterday as fighting in the region continued unabated. The incident happened when gummen opened fire with a barrage of mortars at the SLA's Alman position in the Shomriya region in the zone's central sector. According to reports from Lebanon several rounds hit the fortified outpost, wounding the soldier. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack which prompted heavy return fire, lasting several hours.

David Rudge

Kaddoumi: Suicide attacks on Israel justified A senior aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was quoted yesterday as saying suicide bomb attacks by Islamic militants were justified because of Israel's behavior. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, said in an interview published in the London-based Al-Wasat magazine that the Israeli government's policy of building more settlements in the West Bank is pushing Palestinians toward resistance. AP

KOSHER

(Continued from Page 1) Meatreal was correct in all its assumptions: The meat law does violate equality, freedom of conscience, and property rights; all three of these are protected by the Human Dignity and Freedom Law, and the law does not serve an "appropriate purpose."

However, he continued, if even minor violation of the Human Dignity and Freedom Law were enough to make the meat law unconstitutional, the override clause would become meaningless. This would violate the basic principles of constitutional interpretation, which require that every part of the Basic Law serve some function.

Therefore, Barak said, a law passed thanks to the override

clause should be considered constitutional as long as it meets three conditions: Any infringement on other basic human rights must be a natural consequence of the infringement on freedom of occupation; the main damage must be to freedom of occupation, while the infringement of other rights is secondary; and the infringement of these other rights must be minor in and of itself.

All of these conditions hold true for the meat law, Barak concluded. For instance, since locally produced non-kosher meat is available, no one can say they are being coerced into eating kosher meat against their conscience.

Chiefs Rabbis Yisrael Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron praised the

KATZ

Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday evening after the arrests were

Police sources identified the suspects as a relative of one of the five men convicted of the murder and a lawyer also connected with the case. The two will likely be

remanded tomorrow. The investigation quickly revealed that the new evidence which centered on the confession of another prisoner who said he and three other men, not those convicted, murdered Katz - was problematic at best, the sources

Investigators with the Police Serious Crimes Division did not want to take chances and thoroughly checked out the confession, finally determining that it

was imfounded, the sources said. However, in a statement released last night, the police spokesman said the investigation continues, leaving open the possi-bility of additional developments.

Katz, a young Haifa boy, was raped and murdered in 1982. His body was found in December of that year in a wadi near the Galilee village of Sakhnin. Five area Arab residents were later arrested and convicted, although to this day they protest their inno-

Adel Abu Husseini, the prisoner who recently confessed to the

murder, and even signed a statement to that effect, is believed to have been either paid off or threatened, according to police

Abu Husseini first contacted a retired police officer, Ezra Goldberg, involved in the original murder investigation, Israel Television reported last night. "He said it bothered his conscience that people were serving

time for the Danny Katz murder who didn't do it," Goldberg said. "He told me that he and several others had done it," Goldberg said, recalling the events that led to the investigation being reopened last month. The investigation, which eventually showed the confession to be unfounded, was headed by Dep.-Cmdr. Zion

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unidentified animal several weeks ago is ill with rabies. Specimens have been sent to the Pasteur Institute in Paris to determine the cause of his illness, as equipment necessary for a rabies diagnosis is not available here. The soldier, apparently bitten by a rat in his tent while he slept, is unconscious and attached to a respirator.

Judy Siegel

'94 survey reveals 37%. of Jewish Israeli youth hate Arabs

ISRAELI Jewish youth are largely conservative, have a strong national identity, still want to serve in the army, hate Arabs, and want to see a stronger political regime, according to a 1994 survey commissioned by the Education Ministry published vesterday.

The survey also found marked differences in attitudes between secular and religious youth, but not between Sephardi and Ashkenazi youth, or rural and urban youngsters.

According to the survey, published in the latest edition of Meimad, 37 percent of the Jewish respondents said they hate Arabs, while two-thirds said "There is no need to give Arabs in Israel full, equal rights." Less than a third said they would be willing to host an Arab in their home. Twelve percent said they had an Arab friend.

The survey also found nearly 40 percent of the respondents expressed a preference for a "govemment of strong leaders, that will not be dependent on parties or

The survey was conducted in survey show that "Israel's youth 1994 by the Carmel Institute for are conservative, and bound to tra-

Social Research, and included interviews with 2,742 Jews, 743 Arabs, and Bednin, and 207 Druse.

Reuven Gal, formerly the IDF's chief psychologist and who carried out the survey along with Ya'acov Ezrahi, wrote: The religious youth showed more scepticism, compared with secular youth, regarding the peace process and its results, and expressed more hate and more reservations toward Arabs. The secular youth gave more importance to values like materialism and enjoyment, while religious students gave more importance to values like

contribution and assistance." Gal said the religious students expressed a stronger Jewish and Israeli identity, and were also more sure that they would remain here than their secular counterparts. They also showed more of a preference for a stronger political regime, and were more motivated to serve in the army and in combat units. Gal said that the results of the

ditional values like family, education and profession."

The respondents were most interested in "an interesting job," "establishing a family," "success in studies" and "a steady job." Values such as "helping others," "contributing to the country," and "taking part in public activity"

were toward the bottom of the list. Secular students ranked "success with the opposite sex" as number three on the list, while religious students placed that at number eight.

Regarding motivation to serve in the IDF, the survey found that 52% of the Jewish students clearly stated that they want to serve in a combat unit, compared to 63% in 1988. At the same time. 86% of those on the verge of mobilization said they 'want," or "want very much" to join the IDF compared to 84% in 1988.

The most motivated soldiers. according to the survey, come from the religious kibbutzim, where 89% expressed a strong desire to join a combat unit, fol-lowed by 85% from settlements in the territories, and 68% in yeshiva high schools.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (right) and Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma shake hands as they swap signed agreements in Jerusalem yesterday.

Supreme Court: Ruti Nahmani must wait until after appeal

THE Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction yesterday to prevent Ruti Nahmani from implanting her eggs in a surrogate mother until the court hears her husband Danny's appeal against the move.

The court will hear the appeal sometime next month.

Earlier this year, in a precedentsetting 7-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that Ruti had the right to use the eggs fertilized by Danny, even though the couple has since become estranged and Danny no longer wants to have a child by Ruti. Ruti is unable to chüdren naturally. Following the decision, Ruti began looking for a surrogate mother in Israel.

However, Danny then sued in the Haifa District Court to prevent **EVELYN GORDON**

her from using an Israeli surrogate. Under a new law passed ear-lier this year, surrogacy is permissible only with the consent of both parents, including mutual agree-ment as to the choice of a surroite. Danny argued that since be did not agree, Ruti could not use

an Israeli surrogate. Last week, the Haifa District Court rejected Danny's suit, saying the law did not apply to Ruti's case. Danny agreed to the surrogacy at the time the eggs were fertilized, and the Supreme Court ruled that he cannot withdraw his consent, the court said. Therefore, requiring his consent now would empty the Supreme Court ruling

of any meaning. Furthermore, the lower court

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this case, because fertilization has already occurred. Under the law,

fertilization can take place only after the surrogacy contract has been signed. Danny appealed this ruling to

the Supreme Court earlier, this week, arguing that it is inconceivable for Ruti to act in a legal vacuum. Either she must abide by the new law, in which case Danny's consent is required, or she must abide by the rules in force before this law was passed. Under the previous rules, surrogacy was not allowed in Israel at all. Someone in need of a surrogate mother had to go overseas.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair supports Danny's stand that the new law must be applied to

Israel, Ukraine move to strengthen ties

ISRAEL and Ukraine yesterday signed a joint declaration of intent for the strengthening of ties and cooperation between the two countries.

The document was signed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and visiting Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma at a ceremony in

The leaders also initialed a series of agreements for cooperation in the fields of environmental conservation, agriculture and maritime affairs and for joint cooperation with regard to oil supplies.

Despite the events in the past history of Ukraine, Israel has decided to establish ties with that country on a "new basis of true friendship," Netanyahu declared at the ceremony which came after talks that ran far over the allotted time. He said that the two countries had "many common interests" and that they would also encourage mutual business ventures.

Netanyahu said he had accepted an invitation to visit Kiev and would go there soon with a commercial delegation.

BATSHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

"The advancement of ties with Israel is at the top of Ukraine's priorities as far as foreign affairs are concerned," Kuchma said. He added that the "possibilities are tremendous" and called on olim from Ukraine to lend their expertise to their country of birth.

Asked about reports that Ukraine would suply Iran with arms in return for oil, Kuchma said that there were no planned security projects with that country. Netanyahu added that Israel had not offered alternatives as a quid pro quo for the Ukrainians agreeing to drop such a deal. Observers said in Jerusalem yesterday that the Ukrainians were looking as much towards Washington as towards Jerusalem in their deci-

tion not to go ahead with an exchange with Iran. Kuchma was met with an honor guard and trampet fanfare at the Knesset. The theme of his address to the Knesset plenum was the con-

trast between the Jewish contribution to Ukrainian history and the mass killings there during World War U. Kuchma compared the independence won by Israel with that of Ukrainian independence in 1991 after hundreds of years of yearning.

Kuchma presented Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon with Jewish recordings from Ukraine, including one by Shalom Aleichem. He said state-sponsored antisemitism had been eradicated and noted that the followers of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav were allowed to

visit his grave. He stressed that his citizens are free to emigrate, but mourned the departure of Jewish scientists. He said Ukraine is committed to creating conditions in which the Jews could live there happily.

Netanyahu said he admired the Ukrainian economic reform and said the budget cuts there were similar to those he was trying to pass. Netanyahu jokingly invited Kuchma back next month for the budget discussions.

Eitan warns of coming water crisis

ENVIRONMENT and Agriculture Minister Raphael Eitan yesterday Eitan said, the farmers could warned of a coming crisis due to the lack of rain.

November is a dry month and we're facing a huge disaster," Eitan said in reviewing Environment Ministry activities to the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee, "If the Kinneret doesn't fill up in time, the water level and quality will go down and it will become salty. The demand for water is increasing and there is no addi-tional water. We can't produce it."

Eitan stressed the need to make maximum use of treated sewage and waste water and even suggested giving farmers recycled water

to share Wolf Prize AN American and a Russian mathematician will share the 1997 Wolf Foundation announced yes-

Joseph B. Keller, 73, professor of mathematics and mechanical The minister repeated his stand engineering at Stanford in favor of incinerating garbage for energy production. He said University, was chosen for his "profound and innovative contributions, in particular to electromagnetic, optical, acoustic wave water desalination plants. He said propagation, and to fluid, solid, quantum and statistical mechanthe ministry and offered to invest

> Yakov G. Sinai, 61, a senior researcher at the Landau Institute of Theoretical Physics in Moscow, was honored for his contributions to mathematical methods in statistical mechanics and "the ergodic theory of dynamical systems and their applications in physics." Since 1993 he has also been professor of mathematics at Princeton

> "He is generally recognized as the world leader in the mathematics of statistical physics," the

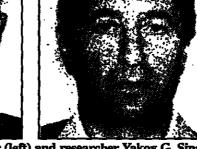


American, Russian mathematicians

co-winners of the 1997 Wolf Prize. award committee said.

ally for outstanding achievements in chemistry, medicine, agriculture, mathematics and the arts.

The Wolf Foundation was



Professor Joseph B. Keller (left) and researcher Yakov G. Sinai,

The two scientists will share the \$100,000 prize, to be presented on

April 6 at the Knesset by President Ezer Weizman. The Wolf prizes are given annu-

established in 1975 by Ricardo Wolf, a German-born diplomat and philanthropist who emigrated to Cuba and served as Cuban ambassador to Israel, where he died in 1981.

Since 1978, the foundation has given 165 awards to scholars from

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prosecutor queries Deri

THE prosecution in the trial of Deri said that the newspaper had Aryeh Deri said yesterday that Deri purchased his apartments other co-defendants and not by his

first defense witness in his three-year-old fraud trial, became agitated a number of times during cross-

Prosecutor Yehoshua Resnick pointed out contradictions in Deri's statements before trial and on the witness stand. He asked Deri why, in his suit against Yediot Aharonot, which wrote an expose on the Deri apartments, he did not mention that the purchase of his apartment on Rehov Hakablan in Jerusalem's Har Nof neighborhood was made with money provided by Yaffa Deri's claimed he had purchased four apartments, and that the one on Rehov Hakablan cost half a mil-lion dollars. "I wanted to show that the entire article was a lie,"

the response, and repeated the question. Deri responded: "The apartment cost \$260,000, and they said it cost half a million. If they had written that I received bribes I'm sure that I would have men-

According to the indictment, Deri received more than \$150,000 from Rubin and Moshe and Arye Weinberg between 1985 and 1990. in exchange for using his influ-ence at the Interior Ministry to help various associations in which the four were involved.

Antiquities Authority: Bones from Haifa rescue dig not those of Jews

DÁVÍÐ RUDGE

THE Antiquities Authority stressed yesterday that bones removed from the Castra excavations on the southern outskirts of Haifa are those of Christians

authority said archeologists last Thursday had transferred 87 crates of bones from the site of the ancient Byzantine settlement to the the Religious Affairs Ministry for reburial, in accordance with instructions of the attorney-gener-

"It must be stressed that all these skeletal remains are those of Christians who were buried in the area. We are certain of this, because of churches and Christian crosses that have been found," said the spokeswoman.

She noted that the rescue excavations, which started in 1993 at the request of the Haifa Municipality and the Netivei Carmel company, were aimed at uncovering as much as possible of the site, which is destined to be destroyed by construction work on the Carmel tunnel pro-

The multi-million dollar tunnel is to cut through Mount Carmel likes of which we have never and forge a link between the .seen."

buried in the ancient city.

The spokeswoman for the

southern access to the city, near Rehov Freud, to the northern outlet at the Checkpost junction. It will run through the Castra site at a depth of 15 meters.

So far the excavations have uncovered the remains of two churches, several olive and wine presses, mosaics, a well, and the remains of roads and houses from the Byzantine period (324-637 CE).
The Antiquities Authority

spokeswoman noted that the bones uncovered had to be removed from the site for reburial or the graves would be destroyed by the construction Meanwhile, the Religious

Affairs Ministry yesterday published an open letter to Education Minister Zevulum Hammer criticizing the Antiquities Authority for shipping it the 87 crates of bones. The letter, signed by deputy ministers Arych Gamliel (Shas) and Yigal Bibi (NRP), called the shipment "an insufferable scandal" and complained that the Antiquities Authority "continues to uproot ancient graves at a hastened pace and wide scope the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Disabled vets threaten self-immolation

Five disabled IDF veterans yesterday poured flammable liquid over themselves and one of the tents they have been living in across from the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, and threatened to set

themselves on fire, before being calmed by police. Several policemen, including police chief Arye Amit, spoke with the veterans for over an hour, while they were holding out inside the tent. The stand-off ended after Amit promised that the defense minister would listen to their complaints. The five, who have been staying at the protest camp for homeless families, said they have

been ignored by the ministry and other authorities. Just last week, a disabled veteran who made similar complaints set himself on fire and was seriously injured, outside the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv.

Senior tax official remanded in Jerusalem A senior Income Tax Authority official was remanded yesterday for 24 hours in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, on suspicion he falsified authority documents for family members in order to secure them tax

Eliahu Tabiba, head of the Authority's Jerusalem Assessment Division, was detained on Sunday after a lengthy investigation by

police and the authority itself, police said. Investigators believe the illegal breaks Tabiba secured for family members amount to some NIS 100,000, and are looking into whether the family members bribed him, police sources said. More arrests are possible, according to the sources.

Yassin's wife protests against warders The wife of imprisoned Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin complained yesterday that when she goes to visit her husband the prison warders torment her.

"I am 65 and every time I visit my husband, the warders ... force me to walk up 99 steps. I get to him feeling ill and barely breathing. Sometimes they don't let me visit, claiming a variety of security reasons. What can a woman my age do to harm security," Yassin's wife said at a protest opposite the Red Cross offices in the Gaza Strip. A number of such wives demonstrate at the offices every Monday, in an effort to apply international pressure on Israel to allow visits by family members.

New English television magazine to air Esravision, a new English television magazine, will be aired on cable television's Community Channel beginning next Monday. The program is filmed and produced by members of the English Speaking Residents Association (ESRA) and will feature short films on subjects of interest to the English-speaking community.

The production team is made up of ESRA members who attended a six-month course on community cable television.

Coastal village children get hepatitis A shots The Health Ministry will vaccinate all children aged one to six in the coastal village of Jisr Az-Zarka, south of Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, against hepatitis A, which has infected 70 youngsters since September. The ministry said yesterday they would receive the active vaccine, which provides lifetime immunity. It was decided to take this step because of the high rate of morbidity and the difficult hygienic conditions in the village. The village of 8,000 residents is one of the poorest in the

country, despite its location, with a very primitive sewage system. Hepatitis A, a viral disease of jaundice, weakness and an enlarged

Rabies vaccination program to be expanded The government will expand its rabies vaccination program among wild and domesticated animals in view of the increasing reports of rabies among cattle in the Galilee and Golan Heights and in abandoned pets and wildlife. Sheba Hospital doctors still don't know if a soldier bitten by an

TORAT ERETZ YISRAEL



This book marks the first time that Rav Tzvi Yehuda Hacohen Kook's lectures have been translated into English. His teachings on Torah, Emunah, Ahayah, Eretz Yisrael, Zionism, the Holocaust, Geula, and the Mashlach, bring the encompassing Torah of Eretz Yisrael into unparalleled light. The book's commentary brings the reader into the Beit Midrash of Peable Mook as the reader into the Beit Midrash of Rabbi Kook, presenting an intimate understanding of his vision and the unique era of redemption which Rabbi Kock inspired the nation to see. Translated by Zvi Fishman. Hardcover, 387 pp. JP Price NIS 55.00 inc. VAT,

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apartment purchases

with bribe money given by the wife's adoptive parents.

Deri, who is on the stand as the examination yesterday.

adoptive American parents, the

Resnick was not satisfied with

from [co-defendant Yom-Tov] Rubin to buy the apartment, then tioned the Werdebers."

Woman killed in grenade explosion A WOMAN was killed when two or three hand grenades exploded in a

field near Shfaram where she was collecting wood. The woman, Hussan Sua'ad, 58, of Hamra, a Beduin village in the area, died at the scene. There was a brush fire in the area at the time, the heat from which is believed to have detonated the grenades.

Police from the Galilee district are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident, including the cause of the fire, the type of hand grenades involved and how they got in the field, between Moshav Adi David Rudge

Iraq announces it accepts UN's conditions on oil-for-food

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Iraq has reached "full agreement" with the United Nations on the remaining issues standing in the way of implementation of the oil-for-food deal, the Iraqi UN ambassador said yesterday.

UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali must give the formal go-ahead, which would allow Iraq to re-enter world oil markets for the first time in six

The UN Sanctions Committee must also sign off on a formula for setting the price of Iraqi oil. Last Friday, US officials said the committee would approve the formula, perhaps this week.

"We have reached a full agreement with them," Iraqi Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon told reporters after meeting with Undersecretary-General Chinmaya Gharekhan.

UN spokesman Sylvana Foa confirmed that the United Nations had received a letter from the Iraqi government accepting the conditions. She said Boutros-Ghali expected "movement on the process" in the coming weeks.

Last May, Iraq accepted a UN offer to allow Baghdad to sell \$2 billion worth of oil for an initial period of 180 days to buy food and medicine for its people suffering the effects of international sanctions.

Iraq has been barred from exporting oil since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. The Security Council has refused to lift the sanctions until it is satisfied that Iraq has complied with UN orders to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction.

Although the agreement was reached last May, implementation has been delayed by a number of issues, including details on the number of UN observers and their working conditions.

Last September, Boutros-Ghali put the deal on hold after Iraq sent troops into Kurdish protected areas of northern Iraq

to intervene in fighting between

details of the agreement but they presumably included such issues as the number of UN observers allowed in the country and their "freedom of movement."

Hamdoon said he thought oil could begin flowing in December, pending completion of repairs on an oil pipeline through Turkey and approval by the sanctions committee of the pricing formula.

"All the aspects of the process, including the number of observers, including the way of movement and all the aspects of the (deal) have been discussed and they have been agreed upon," he said.

Following the incursion into the north, President Clinton also said the oil-for-food plan was on hold. Asked whether the situation in the north could still delay the oil sales, Hamdoon replied: We don't see any reason for the process to stop or to be blocked by this."

UN arms official: Grave problems persist in ensuring Iraq is not hiding Scuds

yesterday reported the United Nations still faced "very grave problems" in its efforts to ensure Iraq is not concealing banned Scud

Charles Duelfer, deputy chairman of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM), told reporters before leaving Iraq he had "very constructive talks" on UN monitoring to ensure Iraq does not again acquire weapons of mass destruction.

But Duelfer said there were other prob-lems between Iraq and UNSCOM, which is overseeing Iraqi disarmament under the 1991 Gulf War cease-fire, particularly Baghdad's refusal to allow the wreckage of scrapped missile engines out of Iraq for

There are some very grave problems in other areas and those remain. I have not talked about the problems we have with missile engines which Iraq still refuses to permit to leave the country," he said.

He said Iraq's refusal violated its obligations under the cease-fire that ended the Gulf War, when a U.S.-led coalition freed

Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

Baghdad has asked UNSCOM to send experts to study the engines inside Iraq, saying the request for their removal was intended to prolong sanctions imposed for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

UNSCOM chairman Rolf Ekeus, currently on a Gulf tour to raise money for his cashstrapped commission, said in Kuwait on Sunday he feared Iraq was trying to hide operational missile engines by destroying "useless" locally-made ones.

"Iraq produced some home-made Scud type engines that were useless but we are afraid they have been mixed into this (1991-92) destruction and high-quality rocket engines were taken out and hidden," said Ekeus at the end of a Kuwait visit.

that Iraq said it destroyed in 1992 are in man.

ready for shipment abroad. Another 20-25 engines remain buried at two sites near Baghdad, UN officials said.

UNSCOM suspects Iraq may be hiding up to 16 missiles with ranges beyond the 150 km. maximum Baghdad is allowed to possess or manufacture under the cease-fire

Iraq in the past did not object to the removal by the UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), of its stocks of nuclear fuel.

The United Nations will not lift a ban on Iraqi oil exports until UNSCOM says Iraq no longer has any banned weapons of mass destruction and cannot replace them.

Duelfer arrived in Baghdad on Friday and held talks with Oil Minister General Amir Rasheed, former head of the Military Industrialization Commission (MIC) and About 60 engines for long-range missiles Dhaif Abdulmajeed, current MIC chair-

French truckers block roads to UK, Germany

News agencies

PARIS (AP) - Striking truckers blocked main highways in northem and eastern France yesterday, choking off traffic toward Britain and Germany ahead of a second day of talks with a government

The truckers, in their second week of a nationwide strike, formed a sort of pincer movement to paralyze traffic in the north and east after 14 hours of negotiations failed to produce results.

Truckers blocked access to the English Channel maritime terminal in Calais and to the nearby town of Boulogne-sur-Mer, where there is another ferry terminal. Strikers also blocked the truck access to a fuel terminal in Dunkirk.

In eastern France, truckers blocked a number of roads and bridges in the Bas-Rhin region leading to the German border. The Luxembourg-Dijon highway also was blocked at one point.

Truckers eased the blockade around the southwest city of



Trucks line the A7 motorway south of Lyon yesterday on the eighth day of the country's most serious labor unrest this year. French truckers are blocking roads to demonstrate for higher wages and shorter working hours, and retirement at age 55 rather than 60.

in some 30 towns around France. About a dozen fuel depots around the country were blocked.

"I think that if there is no agreement, it's sure we'll continue to block like this and more and more," said trucker Michel Fouquet, who was one of dozens of trucks holding up Paris-bound traffic yesterday near Charles de Gaulle airport.

The government-appointed mediator, Robert Cros, said talks would resume at 5 p.m. yesterday. Some 14 hours of talks that went into the

Among other things, the truckers are demanding retirement at 55, improved salaries and reduced fuel prices.

Britain has called for an end to the strike, which has stranded hundreds of British trucks and could cause severe financial damage to small operators. Secretary of State for Transport

George Young voiced concern about the plight of British drivers in a letter to his French counterpart Bernard Pons at the weekend. "Hundreds of British havlers

France," Young said. Young said some British drivers had been stranded for six days and there would be many claims for compensation for damage to perishable cargoes and for loss of earnings.

This dispute is causing particularly severe problems for small operators, some of whom may be unable to sustain the losses they are incurring," he said.
Britain's Road Haulage

Association said more than 700 British vehicles were estimated to have been caught up in the block-

Ethiopian Airlines said four of

the 52 people pulled alive from

the wreckage on Saturday have

died, raising the death toll to 127.

Ethiopian Airlines said the pas-

senger list included people from Europe, Asia, and Africa. Antal

Annus, the Hungarian ambas-

sador to Kenya, was among those aboard. It is not clear whether he

Survivors have been flown to hospitals across the region, including 25 who were taken to

Two men held by police as sus-

pected hijackers may be released

today, Dgouma Ibrahim,

spokesman for the Internal

Ministry said. The men arrested

Saturday after the crash are now believed to have been innocent

passengers, he said. When the two

suspects were shown to the first

officer on the flight, Yonas Mekuria, he told police they were

not the hijackers, Ibrahim said

If the two are released, Ibrahim

said, then officials would believe

that all three hijackers died in the

Nairobì, Kenya, Sunday night.

Foreign embassies and

Communists threaten to impeach Yeltsin over Chechnya deal MOSCOW (AP) - Boris Yeltsin's Parliament has scheduled a spe-

Communist foes said yesterday they may try to impeach the president over his order to pull the last

Russian troops out of Chechnya. "We are witnessing the begin-ning of Russia's breakup," said Viktor Ilyukhin, a prominent Communist who chairs the Security Committee in the Duma, the lower house.

"This is sufficient to initiate impeachment proceedings against the president," he told the Interfax

Yeltsin on Saturday ordered the last two Russian brigades out of the rebel republic by the end of

His hard-line foes, once staunch critics of the war, now profess outrage at what looks to many like

BANGKOK (Reuter) - US

President Bill Clinton arrived in

Thailand last night for a 27-hour

visit to this booming southeast

Asian kingdom, a key ally and

magnet for US trade and invest-

visit the kingdom since Richard Nixon in 1969, received a low-key

ceremonial welcome at Don

Muang International Airport,

Hillary, after her separate trip to

SANTA MONICA, California

(AP) - A plaintiff's lawyer picked

up yesterday where he left off in

the civil lawsuit of O.J. Simpson,

asking the former American foot-

ball star again whether his girl-

friend left a message breaking up

with him the night his ex-wife

Simpson repeatedly denied call-ing the number of his home

answering machine. Citing phone

records, lawyer Daniel Petrocelli

asked Simpson whether he had not called girlfriend Paula Barbieri

repeatedly that night, including

calls at 8:58 p.m. and 8:59 p.m.

northern Thailand.

was murdered.

dere ne was komed by his wife.

The Clintons then went to

Clinton, the first US leader to

cial session on Chechnya for Yeltsin's withdrawal order

paved the way for the signing Saturday of an accord on Russian-Chechen relations until a new local government is elected in the mostly Moslem republic on January 27.

The head of the Security Council, Ivan Rybkin, staunchly defended the deal, but admitted it has critics even within the administration. He said the defense minister is in favor of the pullout, but the interior minister had doubts about it.

Col. Gen. Anatoly Shkirko, commander of Interior Ministry troops in Chechnya, was openly skeptical about whether the final admission of defeat. Chechens would really lay down

Clinton in Thailand on final stop of Asian tour

dens and stable of white elephants,

for a late-night audience with

King Bhumibol and his consort,

been a very constructive influence

in his country, and he loves jazz.

music," Clinton told reporters on

Air Force One during the flight to

Bangkok, the last stop of a 12-day

post-election trip to Hawaii,

A senior US official said

Clinton's visit was arranged to

help the US-born monarch mark

his 50th anniversary on the Thai

throne. The highlight of Clinton's

"I may have," Simpson said.

"And you checked your mes-

sages on your message manager

again, is that true?" Petrocelli

"I never picked up a message from Paula that night," Simpson

Petrocelli said Simpson told oth-

Relatives of the victims contend

in their wrongful death lawsuit that the breakup message from

Barbieri helped push Simpson into

a rage that led him to slash the

ers, including marriage counselor Lenore Walker, about the mes-

"T've read a lot about him. He's

Queen Sirikit.

Australia, and Asia.

Chitrlada Palace, a sprawling throne. The highlight of Clinton's estate known for its colorful gar-

asked.

said firmly.

their arms once Russian troops

'I doubt those who have held rifles in their hands for so long will toss them away and pick up shovels," he told Interfax.

He said it will take two months to withdraw the 101st Brigade, which comprises about half the Russian troops in Chechnya. The other half, the army's 205th

Brigade will be pulled back to the city of Budyonnovsk in southern Russia about 150 kilometers north of the Chechen border, Interfax said.

The war began in December 1994 when Yeltsin sent in troops to end the region's self-declared independence. Estimates of those killed range from 18,000 to as high as 100,000 - most of them

University. He was also to witness

the signing of a U.S.-Thai tax

The treaty, which took more

than a decade of negotiations,

ends double taxation with the aim

of encouraging investment and

Earlier yesterday, Clinton took

part in the Asian Pacific

Economic Cooperation (APEC)

summit in the Philippine port of

Subject Bay and came away with a

big policy victory — APEC's

endorsement of a US push for a

global free trade agreement on

computers and telecommunica-

treaty.

WORLD BRIEFS

26 killed in bus accident in India

NEW DELHI (AP) - An overcrowded bus fell into a deep gorge in India's mountainous Himachal Pradesh state yesterday, killing at least 26 people, United News of India reported.

The bus, run by the state transport corporation, went off the road at Bhora village, 50 kilometers northeast of the state capital Shimla, the news agency said. UNI said 56 passengers were

Nineteen people died at the scene and seven others succumbed to their injuries in a local hospital.

The area is 500 kilometers north of New Delhi.

Italian premier faces indictment ROME (AP) - A prosecutor asked for the indictment of premier Romano Prodi on a charge of abuse of office stemming from his tenure as head of a huge state holding company, news reports said

The bad news came a day after Prodi's biggest triumph, the return of the lira to the European monetary system, as premier.
"I'm not worried and I don't feel in difficulty," Prodi told reporters. "I will ... give all the necessary explanations to the prosecutors. I have always had faith in the justice system." Judge Edoardo Landi must now rule on the indictment request, the ANSA news agency said. The allegation goes back to when Prodi was chairman of IRI, or the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale.

Prosecutors allege he and other IRI board members used their influence to favor the buyer of IRI subsidiary Cirio, a leading maker of tomato sauces and other food products, in 1993.

President Havel hospitalized PRAGUE (AP) - President Vaclav Havel was hospitalized

yesterday with pneumonia, his office announced. The illness began earlier this month, when Havel canceled a state visit to Ukraine, and his office said he would undergo "intense

But spokesman Ladislav Spacek said that the president's condition has not improved, and "hospitalization proved to be The illness has forced cancellation of Havel's trip to Lisbon.

Portugal, for a summit early next month of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Taiwanese asked to bite into garlic mountain TAIPEI (Reuter) - Taiwan's government yesterday appealed to the public to eat more garlic and published garlic cooking tips, trying to combat a near-collapse in prices.

"We simply planted too much garlic this year," Council of Agriculture official Ku Te-yeh told Reuters by telephone. Ku said the cabinet agency was sponsoring publication of a booklet of garlic recipes and cooking tips in hopes of boosting consumption, but acknowledged that the public could not be expected to swallow the entire problem.

Garlic is a seasoning. We cannot ask people to eat nothing but a dish of garlic for dinner," Ku said.

S. Africa's first victim of Ebola virus dies JOHANNESBURG (AP) - South Africa's first victim of the deadly Ebola virus has died. Marilyn Lahana, 46, a nurse who contracted the disease after treating a doctor from Gabon, died late Sunday.
The doctor, Clement Mambana, had been admitted to hospital with an unidentified fever in October. When he was discharged, he was still undiagnosed. But blood samples taken from Mambana revealed his fever had been brought on by the Ebola virus.

Woman pushes her three children off roof, then jumps

NEW YORK (AP) - On a chilly, overcast morning, Chicqua Roveal marched her three young children up to the roof of their 14-floor building. She looked over the edge into a trash-strewn countyard. Then, she methodically pushed

Roveal followed them down, jumping to her death along with her 7-yearold son, Andre, police said. The boy's twin sister, Andrea and two-year-old

A man who lives on the 14th floor was making oatmeal for his children Sunday morning when he saw the first child pass by his window. He looked disbelievingly at his wife, turned and saw a second child come down. The second time, I heard the kid scream," he said. He yelled at his wife, "That was

Paramedics called to the scene discovered the children and the body of a 23-year-old woman neighbors called "a good mother." The children had been bathed and dressed in warm coats before they were thrown off the roof at around 10 a.m., witnesses told the Daily News. The twins were carrying Buzz Lightyear dolls, the astronaut from the movie Toy Story who thinks be can

and Shando remained in critical condition early yesterday.

CRASH submerged offshore, he said.

(Continued from Page 1) country's MiG-21s. The third victim is Ya'acov Braun, a student

from Tel Aviv. Attempts were being made last night to fly the bodies home via Nairobi today. Meanwhile, Lior Fuchs, appar-

ently the only Israeli survivor, was resting yesterday in a Nairobi hotel after being released from hospital. It was thought likely be would fly home today.

Four other Israelis are still miss-

Channel 1 reported last night that Comoro officials had, off the record, praised the operation of the Israeli team at the crash scene. The Comoro Islands, which has a Moslem government, does not have diplomatic ties with Israel.

Recovery workers dragged a large section of the Boeing's wreckage out of the azure waters off the La Galawa Beach resort early yesterday. The remains of some of the victims could be seen in the section of fuselage pulled onto the beach. Workers wore masks against the smell in the tropical heat. Recovered bodies were zipped into dark bags and hauled to an ambulance for transport to a makeshift morgue set up in a former government meat

warehouse. Military police Capt. Mohammed Fakridine said about 80 bodies had been recovered. He was unsure whether all the remaining bodies could be retrieved. Three bodies remained trapped in the plane's cockpit,

brother, Shando, were critically injured.

a kid! That was a kid!"

Andre was declared dead shortly after arriving at Jacobi Hospital. Andrea

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'Dear John' call highlights O.J. testimony couple to death June 12, 1994. Simpson acknowledged he called Barbieri's answering machine and

> it mentioned him and golf. Simpson acknowledged golf and his ex-wife were sore subjects with Barbieri.

heard her outgoing message -

which seemed directed at him since

"The truth is, you were desperate

to get in touch with Paula because

she had left you?" Petrocelli said.

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The Hebron litmus test

ingness to leave Hebron was declared to be the litmus test of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's commitment to the peace process. But since the outbreak of violence in September following the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit, Netanyahu has been trying to get out of Hebron, and Yasser Arafat has been in no hurry to let him.

So long as the IDF remains in its present Hebron deployment, the Netanyahu govern-ment remains accused by the world of holding up the peace process. The only way the prime minister can escape from under this cloud is to withdraw troops from Hebron. In the meantime. Arafat is happy to seed the clouds with incidents, such as Sunday's temporary blockade of the Netzarim settlement in the Gaza Strip.

The main issue in disagreement has been called the question of "hot pursuit" - namely, Israel's right to pursue terrorist attackers into the Palestinian-controlled areas. In fact, this right is already included in the Oslo Accords under "rules of engagement." Under these rules. Israel may enter Palestinian-controlled cities in an "immediate response" to an incident to prevent further violence or to apprehend perpetra-

In the case of Hebron, the Netanyahu government has argued that this sort of after-the-incident "hot pursuit" is not enough. Israel must also have the right to take preemptive actions in response to credible intelligence reports that an attack is about to occur. The Palestinians respond that they do not want Israeli troops reentering PA-controlled areas of Hebron, and in any case they oppose any change to an agree-

ment they already signed. From a political point of view, the government has the seemingly impossible job of squaring the circle. Netanyahu needs to show that, compared to the agreement negotiated by the previous government, he has improved security for the Jews of Hebron without stepping outside the bounds of his commitment not to reopen the Oslo Accords.

It is reasonable for Israel to argue that its demand for the limited right of preemptive action is "within the four corners of the agreement," in the words of outgoing US Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Since Oslo gives Israel overriding responsibility for the security of Israelis, including "all powers to take steps to meet this responsibility," Israel's preemptive action demand need not be seen as rewriting the agreement.

As demonstrated by the agreements reached so far on a buffer zone, building restrictions. and other matters, the four corners of Oslo are generous enough to accommodate solutions in

few months ago, the government's will- Hebron - provided there is a will and interest to accommodate. The real question is whether that interest exists.

On the Israeli side, it is likely that some compromise can be reached on the issue of "hot pursuit" that would involve a Palestinian role of some type. Indeed, Israel has already shown that it is extremely reluctant to use the right to reenter Palestinian areas that it already has under the Oslo Accords. While Palestinian fears of Israeli forces running rampant in Hebron at the slightest excuse are unfounded, the government would be deluding itself if it believed that reliance on the Palestinian Police can be avoided just by spelling out the right of unilateral Israeli action.

There is no avoiding the conclusion that, if they are to succeed in preventing violence, the Oslo Accords must depend on a high degree of trust. Whatever trust has been built until now was shot to pieces by the pitched battles between Palestinian and Israeli forces in September. The previous government postponed the Hebron redeployment partly out of fear that even the amount of trust that existed then would not withstand the crucible of

Ideally, the withdrawal from Hebron should have occurred when the reservoir of trust was at its fullest. But since the withdrawal can wait no longer, there is no choice but to attempt to refill the reservoir under the most difficult of circum-

Both sides have a strong incentive to rebuild this trust, despite the difficulties. Israel has almost irreversibly intertwined its security interests with the Palestinian Authority; the better the cooperation, the better the hope of preventing terrorist attacks. The Palestinians also need cooperation to succeed, because without it their road to greater sovereignty will be

However, for trust to be built, Arafat must stop flirting with the prospect of violence, even though it has so far brought him tremendous diplomatic benefits. His tactic of using the threat of violence as an engine to propel the peace process is unacceptable. Arafat cannot threaten violence and build trust at the same time; he must choose.

For its part, Israel must show that the engine of trust can drive the peace process as well or better than the engine of violence. Although Israel cannot agree to the Palestinians' demand for a state with Jerusalem as its capital, the govemment should be ready to present a vision of final status that will convince the Palestinians they have something more to gain from building trust than continuing on the path of violence.

Compliance & defiance

ERE'S a sample of Mideast events over the past several months:

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Turkey elected its first Islamist prime minister, who proceeded to strengthen ties with Iraq and Iran. Forces loyal to Saddam Hussein invaded parts of northern Iraq. A US military barracks was blown up in Saudi Arabia. Savage fighting raged in Algeria and Afghanistan.

In the Arab-Israeli sphere, Egypt staged massive war games directed at Israel; Syria moved troops to the foothills of Mt. Hermon; Yasser Arafat incited his policemen to fire at Israeli soldiers and civilians - all in reaction to the election of an Israeli prime minister who claimed he was taking a more cautious approach to relinquishing land.

Most of these events came as a surprise to Western intelligence agencies and "experts." Even the General Security Service failed to predict the conflagration touched off by the opening of an exit to the Hasmonean tunnel. The Middle East, far from having anything "new" about it, seemed as violent, chaotic and unpredictable

Emphasis on that fact is in order because we are drawing toward the culmination of a major Western - essentially US attempt to fine-tune and pacify one area of Mideastern trouble: the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Ever since Israel's conquest of land in the Six Day War, US administrations of both parties have acted on an invincible axiom: Peace can be achieved. and US interests promoted, by transferring land from the control of Israel, a stable, pro-Western democracy, to the hands of unstable Arab dictatorships and, more recently, a nominally reformed Arab terrorist organization.

It used to be claimed that this influence in the region and lure the Arabs into the Western camp.

DEOPLE used to say to my German-born mother-in-law,

"You've lived in Israel for 50

years and you still don't speak

"Of course I'm ashamed," she

would respond. But it's much easier

to be ashamed than to learn Hebrew!"

One might pose a similar ques-

"You've taken a hard blow. Why

The answer, of course, is that it

tion to half of Israel's population.

aren't you fighting back?" "Why

are you in the depths of despair?

is much easier to languish in

Our state, for which many of us

The religious-haredi camp,

numbering less than one-fifth of

the population, in close pattner-

ship with the nationalist-rightist

minority is attacking the very

foundations of our country - our

courts, our Knesset, our educa-

tional system, our media, our

army, and our scientific and cul-

Meanwhile the other camp,

which lost the election by a mere

30,000 votes, stands by transfixed

like a rabbit about to be devoured

by a snake. This camp's sole

response to its political defeat was

a series of sad memorial rallies to

obscure the peace camp's shame;

the hundreds of thousands gath-

ered at Rabin Square were not

even asked for a contribution for

a memorial site for Rabin (a

shekel per head would have suf-

ficed!). It has been built instead

with a donation from a contro-

versial German Jewish million-

Even the mourning cannot

have spilled our blood, is being

ravaged before our eyes.

tural institutions.

its slain leader.

despair than gear up for a fight.

Hebrew. Aren't you ashamed?

the secular-democratic half:

P. DAVID HORNIK

But the project continues with undiminished fervor. HAS IT brought us nearer to peace?

The three decades of this project have seen the Yorn Kippur War, the Lebanon War, the intifada, Scud attacks and, most recently, suicide bombings, the Hizbullah war of

A master of PR Netanyahu is still trying to please everyone. He can't

attrition and the "tunnel" war. It is nice to think that these were just parting shots, blips on the road to US-sponsored tranquillity. The trouble is too much evidence suggests otherwise.

The media of Egypt, Syria, the Palestinian Authority, and even Jordan go on spewing out anti-Israel and antisemitic vitriol. Egypt and Syria continue their massive arms buildups, and there is no sign that the real nature of these societies, including their animus against Israel, has changed.

During the tenure of Rabin and Peres - the first Israeli government to totally endorse the appeasement project - the explanation for ongoing hostility and violence was that fundamentalist backsliders, "enemies of peace," were acting as spoilers. After Netanyahu took office, the explanation seemed even simpler. It was all an expression of anger at his hardline stances.

But that claim won't wash anymore, either. Netznyahu is now in principle prepared to hand over Hebron, and it still doesn't seem was necessary to weaken Soviet to help. The Egyptian press portrays him as Hitler; Arafat has

attacks in southern Lebanon and warnings of terrorist bombings in Israel suggest a reality that is very far from peace. Given the record of Western

attempts to impose order on the

Middle East we should not be surprised if the US-directed appearement project has failed to stabilize The question for Netanyahu is:

At what point does Israel stop complying and start defying?

We have already given the PLO, Hamas and Islamic Jihad a foothold in Gaza and in six, soon seven. West Bank cities. Whether "continuing the process" means that the next step is two further IDF redeployments in Judea and Samaria, as stipulated by Oslo 2, or that the parties go straight to the final-status talks the inescapable result is the extension of the terrorist hothouse to

our backyards and a severe constriction of the IDF's ability to Netanyahu is known as a mas-

ter of PR. As premier he still seems to be trying to please everyone - the US, the Israeli public including the left, the Arabs. With all his skill, he cannot bring it off. No one can make the aims of the US and the Arabs compatible with Israel's security needs.

Reports that the US is "pressuring both sides" over the Hebron dispute show that Israeli concessions remain a high priority in Washington. For Israel, the costs of defying

the US might be high. But we are reaching a point (some would say we have already reached it) where the costs of complying would be even higher.

Israel cannot go on sacrificing its land and its security to Western fantasies of peace and stability. Netanyahu knows it; soon he will have to act on what he knows.

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GWYNNE DYER

THE Miss World contest is a dumb relic of the '50s and not an intolerable assault on anybody's traditional culture. Yet it managed to shake loose

all the nurs in India. The most extreme was Kinay Narayana Shashikala, a law student whose "Forum for Awakening Women" had previously restricted itself to demanding censorship of suggestive dance movements in Hindi

Shashikala and 14 other women had planned a very rude awaken-

As she detailed in endless press conferences over the past two weeks, they would infiltrate the crowd of 20,000 at Chimaswamy cricket stadium in Bangalore and set themselves alight before the TV cameras carrying the Miss World spectacle to viewers worldwide.

Last week one poor soul in a nearby town actually did burn himself to death while shouting slogans against the pageant

As a prestige international event Miss World ranks somewhere behind summit meetings of the International Postal Union.

British Broadcasting The Corporation, which dreamed up the contest back in 1951 when dinosaurs still roamed the earth, dropped it long ago. Even the slightly down-market ITV network abandoned it in 1988 as too stupid and embarrassing for words.

So why should anybody care about it now? Actually they don't, much. That is the main reason Miss World was held in India this year: there were not many other contenders for the honor.

And yet, though the contest is supremely unimportant and utter-

Reaction in India to the Miss World pageant was much ado about nothing. Or was it?

ly passe, it monopolized headlines in India for weeks. National newspapers wrote

leaders about it. The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the old-left Communist Party of India (Marxist) both insisted it was a plot by Western multinationals to subvert Indian culture and promote foreign

An Indian high court had to rule

on its legality.

The Indian newsmagazine Outlook wrote last week: "What are the signals that India is transmitting?... That our civilization is so feeble it can be blown away by a bevy of beauties sashaving across TV screens? Surely something is seriously amiss."

THE UPROAR wasn't really about a beauty contest at all. That was just a handy symbol for all those who are upset about the economic, social and sexual changes that come with modernization in India (just as they do everywhere else).

For those most threatened by the changes - rural people, the upper castes, men in general the most effective way to fight those changes is to externalize them, to claim that they are being forced on India from out-

Into this already tense situation came indestructible old Eric Morley and his tatty Miss World show, looking for a high-profile

In Bombay he met Amitabh Bachchan, an Indian movie megastar who isn't getting any younger either. Both PR veterans, they knew a good thing when

Next thing you know Bachchan was hosting the show and it was going to be held in Bangalore, India's thriving aerospace and computing capital.

Within days everybody in India had adopted the Miss World pageant as this year's symbolic focus for the continuing battle between traditionalists and modernizers, with vast attendant publicity (as Morley and Bachchan

doubtless foresaw). It worked. Certainly nothing else in the world could have got me to write about the contest, let alone put me in the bizarre position of actually defending it.

But when Indian Stalinists line up with Hindu ultra-nationalists who go around organizing pogroms against Moslems, you know you belong on the other

The dignity of women may. have taken a knock in Bangalore, but the pageant's enemies were a lot nastier than its supporters.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

WOMEN OF THE WALL

Sir. - I refer to MK Yigal Bibi's remarks about the Women of the Wall, as reported by you on November 14.

He most certainly does not represent "all the women of Israel" and anyone who believes one group of Jews belongs at "theaters, discotheques and beaches" and another group at the Wall can only be called allegedly religious - at

BAKOL RUBEN GELLAR Jerusalem.

PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD

Sir. - Daoud Kuttab ("Equal rights for all," November 12) states that "those who are opposed to Palestinian statehood need to come up with logical answers that

Palestinians will agree to." Kuttab must know full well that neither the government nor the vast majority of the Israeli people will agree to Palestinian statehood. In view of Arafat's intentions to destroy the Jewish State (promised in speech after speech), his refusal to abrogate the PLO Covenant and keep his Oslo commitments, the most that the Palestinians will achieve is autonomous areas

PUERTO RICO

Sir, - Having lived in Puerto Rico for 22 years before making aliya in 1987, and being a frequent visitor to the island, I can tell you that Puerto Rico does not have a "representarive" in the US Congress (your editorial of November 11). It has a "resident commissioner," elected by the people of Puerto Rico, who does participate as a non-voting member in some committees of the House of Representatives, Re-elected to that position last November 5 for another four years is Carlos Romero Barcelo.

JACOBO GOLD Kfar Shmaryahu.

where they can run their own affairs but Israel will control foreign policy, defense and water sources. If the Palestinians will not accept this, then it is their problem.

The Arabs have a saying "Allow a carnel to set a foot inside your tent, the rest of the animal will soon follow." The Arab "camel" may have got its foot inside our "tent," but unless there is a fundamental change of heart in Arab attitudes towards Israel, apart from some adjustments probably in Hebron, that is all they will ever get. BILL OAKFIELD

HAJ AMIN EL-HUSSEINI

Sir. - Jay Bushinsky ("Startling Nazi activities, denies or casts cover-up," October 27) has been taken to task for unjustly criticizing Zvi El-Peleg's biography of Haj Amin el-Husseini, the Nazi collaborationist grand mufti of Jerusalem (Letters, November 8). Bushinsky's critic is Martin Kramer, himself a distinguished scholar of Arab history. However, I suggest with all due respect that Kramer reread the relevant chapter of El-Peleg's biography in the Hebrew original, and that he also read an interview that El-Peleg gave to the Yerushalayim weekly (March 24, 1989). Having to review the Hebrew original of the book (Nativ. March 1990), I read it closely. 1 later wrote (Midstream. October 1994) that El-Peleg 'admits part of the mufti's pro-

NOT SERIOUS

Sir. - Your editorial of November fore are hardly editorial matter.

The Israeli government cannot decide by itself questions regarding the future of the West Bank and Gaza Arabs. It has a negotiating partner and Israel's agenda is to negotiare land for peace in accordance with the Oslo Accords and then to allow the Palestinian Authority to get on with governing its people.

Having rejected the idea of an Israeli state in all of the West Bank and Gaza for demographic reasons, the governments can do little but withdraw, giving up as little land for peace as possible. As to leaving Israeli settlements in place. I think this will depend on whether the settlers will eventually be able to come to terms with living in an area not within the state, and we will not know this until the negotiations land for peace are settled. **VICTOR BLOOM**

Amiad.

doubt on other parts, and distorts the moral meaning of his pro-Nazi and pro-Holocaust exertions... El-Peleg takes pains to cast doubt on one of the incriminating pieces of evidence against Husseini. He writes that 'those who saw him [Husseini] as a partner to the Nazi crimes' reported 'that he asked of the Germans that, upon their arrival in the Middle East, they allow the Arabs to solve the Jewish Question in Palestine and the other Arab countries in accord with the interests of the Arabs and in the same ways in which this problem was solved in the Axis states.' El-Peleg writes as if to insinuate that Jewish writers hostile to the mufti chose to believe without substantial proof that he Jerusalem.

11, "Altered states," in which you try to fathom the government thinking regarding the future of the peace process, was amazing: Puerto Rico, Andorra, a state like no other, long on flags and stamps and short on arms. and your own version of the demilitarized state, carefully watched in case it rearms. These stories are surely not to be taken seriously and there-

had made such a request of the Germans. What El-Peleg fails to say is that a nearly identical request is reported in a book by Husseini's Arab admirer, the historian Majid Khadduri (Independent Iraq, London, 1960; p. 185), a book listed in El-Peleg's

bibliography," Now El-Peleg's book is not a total cover-up. But it is such in part, because it clearly seeks to minimize Husseini's pro-genocide activities by supplying an incomplete account of them and by trying to discredit some of the evidence. Then there is El-Peleg's interview in Yerushalayim which is morally revisionist. Kramer seems to be unfair to Bushinsky.

ELLIOTT A. GRÉEN

URI AVNERY

The peace camp's shame

lost..." "It's time to pack..." After all they multiply so quickly, in a few years they will be the majority." And the obvious conclusion:

There's nothing we can do." The elections demonstrated that the public is split into five blocs. The rightist camp is compromised

Secular, democratic, liberal society must unite and fight for our values and our state

Oriental-secular-traditional bloc and the Russian bloc. The Ashkenazi-secular bloc and the Arab bloc made up the leftist earup. But in politics nothing is a given. The division between the camps is not by divine decree. To move the dividing line requires a fight. We must fight for the Oriental public and for the Russian public. If the available means are not suitable, other means must be used instead.

of the haredi-religious bloc, the

THE TENS of thousands of young people shown on TV huddled over memorial candles could turn into warrior troops just like Habad. They need leadership, a fighting spirit and a call to arms for a massive political struggie. The definitive battle, however,

will not be fought in the political but in the ideological arena. Half of Israel seems to be wallow-ing in resignation. "Everything's comes from its implicit accep-

tance of the point of this rabbinical story: Two carts are proceeding in opposite directions on a narrow bridge. The religious cart is loaded, the secular cart is

empty. The empty cart, naturally,

should give way to the full one. This is a grotesque distortion of reality. The secular cart is loaded with living content, open to world culture. And the bridge, as someone commented, is wide with many lanes; and it can accommodate our

cart along with many others." What we need is a large committee of respected individuals from the literary world, from film and theater, from the media, law, science and education, from the army and the economy. Jews and Arabs, men and women - to wage the unrelenting ideological media battle of the secular, democratic, liberal, peace-supporting society against its adversaries.

We must also have task forces to create facts on the ground, in kindergarteris, schools, in school curricula, and in scientific and cultural institutions. The fight must take place not

only in Herzliya but also in Ofakim, Sderot and Kiryat Shmona, New structures must be created wherever they are needed, to compete with the proselytizers and the haredi sects. Extensive funds must be mobilized to direct such a vast operation. The leftist camp is half of Israel -

resources, the key positions, the intellectual and cultural creative If all these elements were to unite, intent on fighting for the survival of our state, our society

and it isn't the weak half. It still

controls most of the economic

and our values, who could withstand the attack? The writer heads the Peace Bloc. EARL

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Modern marriage on the rocks

Prelude to A Kiss by Craig Lucas. Translation and direction, Ido Riklin. Set, Dror Herrenzon; costumes, Yossi Ben-Ari; music, Effi Shoshani. At Beersheba Municipal Theater. Hebrew title, Prelude

RELUDE, a play by a prizewinning American dramatist, is nothing if not cutely contemporary. Its blend of immaturity, instant marriage, and mixed-up metaphysics is tailored more to the taste of post-adolescents than to their worldweary elders. Crisp direction, minimalistic design and a truncated TV narrative technique all connive to give it a post-modern ambience.

This is realized visually in a spare set with blank, mobile flats, emblematic props on wheels, and a blow-up background, an approach that parallels the tightly drawn, quasi-cinematic treatment of the

The latter is achieved by use of short sequences and fast-changing locations that give the drama its main dynamic.

The play concerns Peter and Rita, two New York yuppies who after a brief and passionate encounter tumble into a catastrophic marriage. This is on account of a strange twist that kills their adolescent ardor.

Rita, invaded by the soul of a strange old man, suffers a personality reversal. The relationship is on the rocks. An ironic parable on modern marriage, the play ends with an equally cynical and ironic denouement of staggeringly saccharine dimensions.

Though not before it has dissolved into a latter-day version of metempsychosis associated with popular cult Buddhism and the belief in the transmigration of

Amuse, surprise, scandalize, it may for some. Convince it certainly does not. Not only is the development so far-fetched it strains credibility, its execution by the two protagonists is not up to par. For while the rest of the cast, especially Hugo Yarden as the sweet old man of mystery, play with compelling charm, Baruch Dror (Peter) and Yuli Hargil (Rita) dwindle in

Fresh and personable as their stage presence is at the start (well Drot does have a problem with spastic facial muscles and other take the place of climactic mannerisms), their transition to the moments and the play generally changed personae of the second half is pale and indeterminate. As a humor palls.

result of their ultimately wooden portrayals, the play loses the grip it might otherwise have had

Shiva, written and directed by Shmuel Hasfari. Set, Dror Herrenson; costumes, Orna Smorgonsky. Beit Lessin Theater at the Eretz Yisrael Museum Auditorium, Ramat Aviv.

WHEN the third part of the Hasfari trilogy Kiddush-Hametz-Shiva opened at Beit Lessin, expectations ran high. Hamet:, a play with powerful impact, "spelled the promise of a renaissance of great Hebrew theater (The Jerusalem Post, March 1995). Coming in its wake, Shiva, it was thought, would be the peak achievement of a prolific but wayward dramatist who had at last achieved artistic fulfillment. So much for critical predic-

For with with the advent of this very patchy, plotless play all such certainty is shattered. Marred by a woefully weak structure, inappropriate cinematic treatment and extraneous excursions into crude comedy, Shiva as significant drama is nothing if not a disap-

Where Hametz was a demonic allegory of latter-day Zionism, a parable of the spiritual malaise that afflicts Israeli society, Shiva stops short at domestic drama albeit with macabre pretensions. The callousness of a rapacious Polish matron drives the play to its only real climax, the suicidal death of a father

The detritus of the dead dominated Hametz too, but with a difference. There the macabre and the grotesque were balanced to evoke deeper portents.

With its flashbacks on the shtetl and the Holocaust, Shiva initially also touches the lowest depths, recalling the black mood and revolting family milieu, the ugly backbiting and ironic name-calling of a Hanoch Levine satire.

But if in Hametz Hasfari almost out-Levined Levine, here he manages no more than a flabby imita-

In its favor is a cast of excellent actors who provide a range of rich and entertaining characterizations that keep the audience highly amused at least up to the interval. In the second half, however, when gimmicks and emblematic props begins to fall apart, even the

tos anywhere he could.

ly applauded.

million worldwide.

As audiences grew, so did his fees - to \$1 million and more. A

decade or two younger than rivals

like Sylvester Stallone, Arnold

Schwarzenegger, Chuck Norris and Steven Seagal, he made the

1994 futuristic action thriller

Timecop, which earned over \$135

Van Damme's paternal grand-mother was Jewish, but that's not

why his rise to stardom has been

inextricably linked with Israelis.

"It's destiny," he says. "Israelis like to take chances. I'm a Belgian

guy with an accept, and they took a chance with me. It's difficult for a

studio to take a chance on a guy

His lucrative linkage with

Diamant began when Van Damme

walked into Diamant's office in

Milan 10 years ago and announced

Diamant, previously a co-owner

of a lab called Film Technique in

Tel Aviv where he says he devel-

oped the first video subtitling sys-

tem for Israeli television, had set

up a similar company in Los

Angeles before becoming a pro-

ducer. He says he told Van Damme

he didn't have star quality, but they

"I liked him as a person. Jean-

Claude is an immigrant to the US,

and he's more comfortable with

another immigrant. And we

Israelis are warm. Though I didn't

believe in his foture, and I was

nevertheless became friends.

with a foreign accent."

he was going to be a star.



Romance doesn't last long for Baruch Dror (Peter) and Yuli Hargil (Rita) in 'Prelude to a Kiss.'

Sweet Bird of Youth by Tenness Williams. Hebrew, Orly Kastel-Blum. Direction, Helen Kaut Design, Dobrzycki. Hebrew title, Tzipor Metuka shel Ne'urim. At the Haifa Municipal Theater.

SWEET Bird of Youth (1959) is essentially a melodrama with a monstrous message. It is Tennessee Williams at his most pessimistic and perverse, though by no means at his best as he himself once confirmed. Here, in the persons of an aging Hollywood star and her rapacious gigolo, he portrays the sexual lust and greed that in his view dominate and degrade modern man.

Like Habimah's Cyrano, sensationally set up by a foreign director instance of evasion.

and designer, the production is dominated by outward rather than inner signs of perfumed decadence. Thus in place of the black net of evil in which are enmeshed the depravity and damaged innocence that pervade the text, we are faced with a flashy set swathed in whirls of white satin and Beverly Hills excrescences. Played out against this and a voluptuous bed, it runs more like a blue movie than

a play with a moral. The action reaches its peak in the castration scene in which the hero meets his nemesis. Potent symbol sion, focusing as it does on glamor and visual impact, his punishment at the hands of his enemies is never made explicit. It is not the only

That and the overall treatment betray the intent of the director to bypass the sordid and the somber in favor of the sexy. But for want of an actress of stature (a Bette Davis or a Judy Garland?) even the goal of glamorous entertainment backfired.

For Liora Rivlin, a performer with great talent, is not at her best in this part. Got up as a strawberry blonde in dud diamonds and deep decollete, her wreck of a Hollywood Princess is shallow and synthetic, a contrived creation beset by speech mannerisms and had make-up.

Gil Frank, is the perfect gigolo. For the rest, he fails to ignite the role with the neurotic intensity and frustrated ambition of the ill-fated

Punk Presidents, heartfelt Cuomo & disco Girls

DAVID BRINN

Pinkerton WEEEZER (Hed Artzi)

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (NMC)

ERE are two examples of the state of teenage the state or rectage American rock 'n' roll, 1996 style.
Both Weezer and The Presidents

of the United States (wasn't this name inevitable?) released commercially and critically successful debut albums in 1994, and these followups present their first test of endurance.

Taking their cue from classic power-poppers like Cheap Trick, Slade and The Sweet, Weezer combines catchy pop hooks and sweet California harmonies with an arena rock beat.

What makes it interesting are the sonic love letters of singer/guitarist Rivers Cuomo, one of the bright lights of today's generation.
While most of his contempo-

raries remain mired in the angst and gloom of Seattle grunge, Cuomo deals almost exclusively with matters of the heart. And he does it in a funny, sincere, self-dep-

recating way.
On Pinkerton, he perfectly captures the mind-set of the forlorn, lovesick teen.

Things are simple in Cuomo's life, but also oh so complicated. Finding the right girl is the priority, but that momentous task brings about scenarios like that in "Pink Triangle" where the new girl of his dreams turns out to like members of her own sex better.

Cuomo's personality shines through the sometimes heavyhanded music. And, as they say in the film Pulp Fiction, personality goes a long way.

The final track, "Butterfly," an

achingly stark personal confession points to a maturity and depth not found elsewhere on the disc. The sky's the limit for Cuomo and

CHRIS Ballew, writer and front man for the Presidents of the United States of America, is, on the other hand, a personality gone amuck. If a young Frank Zappa sound like this obnoxious band. Songs about subjects like bugs,

guitar amplifiers and supermodels give an indication as to the seriousness of the songs, which are set charts.

against a Ramones-like backbeat. Musically more streamlined and focused than Weezer, POUSA's three-piece punk motif rarely contributes more than pedestrian accompaniment to Ballew's overview of lowbrow culture.

Occasionally funny, the sopho-more effort by this Seattle-based band is most often just sophomone.

Dilate ANI DIFRANCO (NMC)

ANI Difranco is a highly acclaimed singer-songwriter, who has been called a bridge between the confessional folk-styled song writing of '70s artists like Janis Ian and James Taylor and the new breed of alternative female rockers like Liz Phair and Alanis Morrisette.

On her first album released outside the US, she emerges as a strikingly original artist, but seems to come up slightly short on both sides of the comparison equation. She has no problem baring her soul, with most of the lyrics appearing like raw entries in a diary on her relationships.

And her fury is something to behold. But while someone like Phair uses profanity matter-of-factly, Difranco's four-lettered inflections seem awkward and calculat-

Musically, there are some adventurous tracks and imaginative use of an acoustic guitar-bass-drum machine combo, including a triphop version of that old 1754 best seller "Amazing Grace." But strong melodies are clearly a weakness. Her live performances are supposed to be electrifying, however, so Difranco should be considered a talent to watch out for.

Spice SPICÉ GIRLS (Helicon)

THIS latest British sensation which has inundated local radio with its cloying hit "Wannabie" for the last few weeks, is another in a long line of manufactured pop stars which began with The Archies and continued through Milli Vanilli.

Five long-legged beauties, obviously not chosen for their musical endowments, front harmless and sometimes pleasant rhythm-based crowd. Innocuous disco music matched

with inane lyrics provides a winning combo for the top of the

Van Damme's quest for stardom

PEARL SHEFFY GEFEN

HEN Moshe Diamant first met Jean-Claude ▼ Van · Damme, he befriended a young man he found to be likable, but doubted he'd ever become a big-time star. That was 10 years ago. Since then, the Israeli has produced the last seven of Van Damme's films, including The Quest, which has just opened in Tel Aviv

The Quest, which co-stars Roger Moore, and was made on a budget of over \$30 million, was the most popular film in North America the weekend it opened. It's the first Van Damme has directed as well as starred in. "I wanted to do something noble for martial arts," he In the film Van Damme plays a

New York pickpocket on the run who finds himself on a freighter heading to the Far East. He winds up at a martial-arts tournament surrounded by crooks and 15 martialarts champions.

"When these guys came to fight in the competition, it was not so much for the money. It was a question of being the best. In the Thirties, when The Quest is set. honor and being the best was what counted. In 1996, we're looking for money and security."

There's a lot more to the "Muscles from Brussels" than bulging biceps. There's a strong will, a romantic heart, and a grace that comes from his early training as a ballet dancer.

Born in Belgium, Van Damme grew up in Brussels, a puny kid who wore glasses. He didn't like his image. So he set about changing it with a will rare in 11-yearolds. His father sent him to both ballet and karate classes, and be eventually won both the Mr. Belgium bodybuilding and European middleweight black-belt karate championships.

But he wanted to be in movies. He divorced his first of (so far) four wives and moved to Hong Kong where martial-arts films were flourishing. But he didn't make it there and left for Los Angeles. He was 20, spoke little

English and had little money. Over the next five years he worked as a bodyguard, carpet



Israeli film producer Moshe Diamant (left) and Jean-Claude Van Damme had very different opinions on the actor's star quality.

open in telling him, I helped him star. Let's find a way to do it." buy his first house.

Then when his film Kickboxer came out, my son and I went to see it with him. The theater was packed. What surprised me was all the women and children cheering whenever he did the splits and took off his shirt. When we walked out, nobody recognized him. He was totally unknown. I said to him. You know. I never saw it on the tape you showed me. But you're right, you have a chance to be a can be."

Why do children love Van Damme? The actor says he thinks "it has to do with sincerity. I try to be sincere and pick up on that. I'm a big child myself, and still inse-

Diamant, who has five children, three born in Israel, two in the US. says it's because "Jean-Claude is accessible, he's not Superman. He is a hero who is still vulnerable, and smart, the way kids think they

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Gil Shohat's 15-minute premiere

HE Ra'anana Symphonette should be commended for persistently commissioning and performing Jewish and Israeli music. Its annual concert devoted entirely to such music featured two major compositions sandwiched in a rather inappropriate way between one opus (which should not have even reached the stage) and another, which did not fit in with the overall theme.

The most eagerly awaited piece was the premiere of Gil Shohat's 15-minuteConcertino for violin and orchestra. The piece moves from the melodic lines to the avant-garde, both of which alternate from violin to orchestra and back again.

There is much to admire in Shohat's writing, yet it seemed that the 15 minutes stitled him and tampered with the end result since his personal style and scope are more expansive. Nevertheless, this was an important premiere.

Orit Orbach's powerful, poetic and captivating rendition of Robert Starer's Kli Zemer was sturning. Starer intertwines tradition with a personal musical lan-

CONCERT ROUNDUP

guage to provide a winning combination of a classical music opus which is ethnic in nature and content but not in style or form. Ra'anana, Yad Labanim, November 12.

Michael Ajzenstadt

IN its season's opening concert, the Jerusalem Rubin Academy Chamber Orchestra, led by its new conductor Moshe Epstein, presented a program entitled "Apropos Beethoven." The orchestra produced a full, well-rounded sound, and Epstein inspired his young players. Asaf Zohar, the soloist in

Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3, admirably highlighted the interacting forceful, intense energies and the delicate, lyrical expression. The extreme contrast in moods between the opening movement, the subtly expressed poetry of the slow movement, and the sparkling playfulness of the final movement was evidence of a pianist of stature. Wise Auditorium, November 20.

Ury Epostein

CRIMINALS, Victims and Coloratura was the fanciful title of the Israel Sinfonietta "Jewels of the Opera" series 1 - a collection of arias from Beethoven's Fidelio, Verdi's Falstaff and Masked Ball, with overtures from Nicolai's The Merry Wives of Windsor, and Mozart's Abduction from the Seraglio and The Magic Flute. It featured Shira Green, debuting Israeli soprano, newcomer Viktor Kotek, baritone, and British conductor Jonathan Webb, currently working with the opera in Tel Aviv.

It was an opera studio performance in quality. The young artists have learned their craft, but have yet to synthesize. Talented Shira Green's pleasant coloratura was used to best advantage in the virtuoso "Queen of the Night" aria from The Magic Flute. Viktor Kotek revealed a smooth lyric cantilena in Valentin's aria from Faust by Gounod. Webb held the orchestra together without attempting subtlety in rhythm, phrasing or balance. Beersheba Conservatory, November 23.

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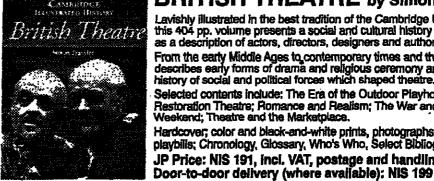
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Central

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DAVID HARRIS

THE Bank of Israel's key short-

term lending rate will remain at

its current level of 15.2 percent,

the central bank yesterday

The decision was taken after a

month of little change in Israel's

macroeconomic performance,

following a four-month slow-

down which resulted in a series of

monthly rate cuts, totaling 1.8%.

The tight monetary policy is now bearing fruit, the bank said.

The annual rate of inflation has

gone down from a predicted 15% in the summer, to 11% for 1996,

which, the bank said, is close to

the original government target of

However, the bank urged the

government to set its multi-year inflation targets as soon as possi-

The bank repeated is warning

that interest rates will not be sub-

stantially reduced until the gov-

ernment budget cut proposal, cur-rently set for NIS 4.9 billion but likely to rise to NIS 7b., is

Bank sources went still further

last month, saying that even if fully endorsed, the budget cuts

would have to be actually implemented before there could be a

Currency markets were largely unaffected by the interest rate

announcement, which was only

made at 5 p.m. yesterday. The dollar appreciated 0.012% to stand at NIS 3.247.

Traditionally, the central bank

has given notice of any change at

mid-morning. However, the bank has decided the later time will

become a permanent fixture from

now on. This will allow for an

extra day's deliberations, and

ensure there is no immediate

panic reaction at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

However, stocks did fall amid

index fell 0.79% to 206.25, and the Mishtanim by 0.72% to

The Manufacturers Association

instantly responded by calling for

a 2% reduction, pointing out the

continued policy of high interest

rates is crippling industry in general and exports in particular.

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US semiconductor giant buys two local firms for \$285m.

APPLIED Materials, the California-based world leading producer of wafer fabrication systems and semiconductor service provider, announced yesterday it is entering the metrology and inspection equipment market through the acquisition of Ness Ziona-based Opal Inc. and Yavne-based Orbot Instruments, for \$285 million in cash.

The transaction marks one of the largest transactions ever conducted in the local hightech field. The three companies commenced

negotiations about one year ago.

Applied Materials will purchase the Nasdaq-traded Opal, a Clal Electronics subsidiary which operates its R&D operation in Israel, for about \$175m., and non-traded Orbot Instruments for approximately \$110m.

The company's move is part of a long-standing global strategy aimed at providing diverse enabling technology which can eco-nomically manufacture new generations of advanced semiconductor devices, explained

CEO and chairman James Morgan. Opal, which is expected to end this year with \$60m, in sales and \$12m, in profits, is engaged in the development, manufacture, and supply of high-speed automatic wafer metrology systems used by semiconductor makers to verify critical dimensions during

expectations of a minimal or zero.

A woman counts Italian lire yesterday in a Rome exchange bureau, after EU finance ministers and

central bankers agreed over the weekend to let the lire backing the ERM.

ICL net profit more than doubles

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In the third quarter sales grew 15.7% to NIS 1.35 billion. In the

first nine months of the year sales grew 19.8% to NIS 3.99b. The

growth was mainly due to the

Operating profits increased 51.7% to NIS 423.8m.

ISRAEL Discount Mortgage

Bank completed the third quarter

of 1996 with a net profit of NIS

13.9 million, up 51% compared

with the corresponding period

In the first nine months of the

year net earnings rose 20.5%, to

NIS 36m., compared with NIS

inclusion of the new firms.

the company's products.

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the production of integrated circuits. These measurements help manufacturers maximize and sustain the yields of integrated circuits at the highest performance levels attainable by a production line.

Orbot Instruments, which is expected to end this year with \$43m. in sales and \$10m. in profits, develops, manufactures, and services automated optical inspection systems for use in the production of semiconductors, such as wafer and reticle inspection systems with leading-edge technologies.

According to the merger agreement with Opal, Applied Materials will commence a cash tender offer on or before November 27, for any and all outstanding shares of Opal stock at \$18.5 per share net to the seller in cash. The price represents a company value of \$175m. Any Opal shares not purchased in the offer will be acquired for the same price in cash in a second-step merger.

The net cash cost of the transaction to

Applied Materials is expected to be about

The merger is subject to the purchase of a majority of the outstanding shares of Opal's

30m. in the previous year.

Provisions for doubtful debts rose to NIS 12.6m. compared

with NIS 7.7m. Management

decided to set aside an additional

provision of NIS 6.4m. to cover

for its bank credit to the con-

struction sector. The additional

provision will be accounted for

Management said bank credit to

the building sector reached 41%

of total bank credit. The Bank of

Israel has instructed the bank to

freeze provision of additional

credit to the construction sector,

until credit to the sector decreas-

es to 30% of the bank's total

bank credit. At this stage it is

impossible to estimate the impact

of this limitation on the bank's

future results, said management.

CLAL Insurance Holdings ended the third quarter of 1996

with a net profit of NIS 45m, almost unchanged from the same

period last year. Net profits in the

first nine months of the year rose

to NIS 131.9m. compared with

NIS 108.9m.

until September 1998.

common stock as well as other customary conditions. Applied Materials has entered an agreement with Clal Electronics Industries, Orbotech, and two officers of Opal, whom together hold 49 percent of Opal's shares, to tender shares into Applied Material's offer and have granted Applied Materials an option to purchase their shares. Clal Electronics Industry's expects proceeds of the sale to reap \$35m. net.

According to industry research, the market served by products from Opal and Orbot is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of more than 22%, from \$1.25 bilion in 1996 to \$3.43b. in 2001.

Applied Materials intends to maintain Opal's and Orbot's independence based on its business philosophy of operating highly decentralized units.

"We think it is absolutely essential to pre-serve the companies' identity and individuality even if they become wholly owned sub-sidiaries," said Dennis Hunter, managing director of Applied Materials' corporate development division.

Hunter said his company expects Opal and Orbot to grow into "multi-hundred million dollar enterprises in the next five years and possibly reach billions of dollars."

> THE ministerial committee on foreign labor is looking into making the cost of foreign workers more expensive, to discourage people from employing them, Labor Minister Eli Yishai told the Knesset State Control Committee yester-

However, he said, a fourth method might be to force employers to pay foreign workers Israeli wages and benefits. Since one of the main advantages of employing foreign workers now is that they cost less than Israelis, eliminating this cost differential might persuade many employers to switch back to Israeli labor, he said. This would have the additional benefit of

decreasing unemployment in Israel. Any plan, however, must include heavy financial penalties for employing illegal foreign workers,

consists of himself, Interior Minister Eli Suissa, Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Internal Kahalani, is looking into four different ways of controlling the explosive growth of legal and illegal foreign workers in Israel. These the criteria for getting a legal permit to employ foreign workers, improving the border control system, and better enforcement of the ban on illegal

Oren Karni, head of the Labor Ministry's enforcement division, said the ministry was beginning a course in January to train 25 new inspectors. This will increase the ministry's current complement of 70 inspectors by more than a third. The main bottleneck to enforcement is not the lack of inspectors, however, but the lack of prison space in which to detain illegal workers until they can be deported,

Yishai: of foreign workers

Yishai said the committee, which Minister Avigdor

Increase cost **EVELYN GORDON**

Yitzhak Levy said yesterday that he would consider privatizing a division or service within his ministry to cope with budget Levy, who was presenting his ministry's 1997 budget to the

TRANSPORTATION Minister

Knesset Finance Committee, claimed that his ministry was being asked to make more cuts than any other, forcing it to slash its staff by some 100 people in less than two years. One way to cope with this necessity, he said, might be to privatize one of the ministry's divisions or services.

Levy also reiterated his intention to privatize certain bus routes, both to reduce the subsidy burden on the government and to improve service.

ministry, in addition to an uncompromising war for road safety, is to lower the cost of public transportation," he said.

regarding the pace of the "Hen-Gurion 2000" airport expansion plan, though he was trying to speed up implementation of the first stage - expansion of the existing airport. To ease the burden on the airport in the meantime, he said, charter flights should start being directed to other airports - even ones that do not currently serve international

Tuesday, November 26, 1996

Judy Siegel

BUSINESS BRIEFS

High-tech office devices on display: A device that produces posters with the press of a button, Internet encryption services for

commercial uses, a color scanner of maps, and architectural

Exhibition, which opened this week at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds.

The four-day exhibition, organized by the Stier Group, presents the

Kroll resigns from Treasury: Treasury budget director Ran Kroll is to leave the post immediately after the conclusion of the current budget deliberations in the Knesset. Kroll, who intends to enter the private sector, will be replaced by David Milgrom, a former

assistant director in the budget department. Kroll served in the post

assistant director in the budget department of the last two years, before which he served as director-general of David Harris.

Elbit to break up into divisions: Elbit Ltd. has announced the

completion of the previously disclosed plan to separate its activities

into three separate publicly held companies. Elbit Systems Ltd. will

own and operate what previously constituted Elbit's defense-related

business. Elbit Medical Imaging Ltd. will operate what previously constituted Elbit's health-care related business, including holdings.

Levy may sell some

Transport Ministry

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of 55% in Elscint Ltd. Elbit Ltd. will retain its remaining

businesses and will focus primarily on communications.

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Ultimately, he said, another international airport should be built someplace in the South, but he has not yet determined which of three proposed sites - Zikim, Nevatim or Nitzana - would be

Levy said part of north year's budget would also be designed to developing more domestic air the north to the center of the country have been increasing, but there is as yet little air traffic between the center and the south, Levy said he was not optimistic

Tadiran, Jamaica Tel. in \$10m. deal

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

TADIRAN Telecommunications Ltd. yesterday announced that it received a \$10 million order from Telecommunications of Jamaica for its MultiGain Wireless system.

The MGW allows countries with underdeveloped telephone connec-tions to leapfrog the copper-wire systems used in most modern countries and employ cheaper and more advanced telecommunications sys-

Tadiran Telecom, a subsidiary of Tadiran Ltd. that was launched as an independent company two years ago and went public on the Nasdaq over-the-counter exchange in April, has had substantive deals with Bezeg and the Israeli government as well as with international buyers in the Far East, Eastern Europe and

fiber-optic infrastructure equipment for the establishment of Modi'in's telecommunications system and Bezeq represents more than 50% of company's annual sales which totaled \$490m. in 1995.

Analysts say the company must continue to focus on international business opportunities in order to offset the expected drop in Bezeq's purchasing of Tadiran Telecom's products.

"There will be a lower numbers of sales to Bezeq in the next year," said a chief analyst at Xamex Securities, Tal Liani, noting that sales to Bezeq will drop by about 20% in 1997. The company's recent deals signal that its manage ment has succeeded in developing new products and establishing new growth areas of the company, according to its plan to grow into

Give a Special Gift for the Holidays

ICL - Israel Chemicals, Israel's

largest chemical group, reported a third quarter net profit of NIS

56.7 million compared with net earnings of NIS 21.5m. in the

corresponding period last year.

Net profits in the first nine

months of the year increased to NIS 182.9m. compared with a

loss of NIS 49.5m. in the same

period last year.

The growth in earnings was

mainly due to the inclusion of

new companies. In the reported

acquired the German B.K.

Ladenburg and the US-based

Clearon. Excluding these compa-

nies, net earnings totaled NIS

Management also attributed the

company's improved perfor-

mance to the implementation of

an efficiency program in 1995

Israel Chemicals

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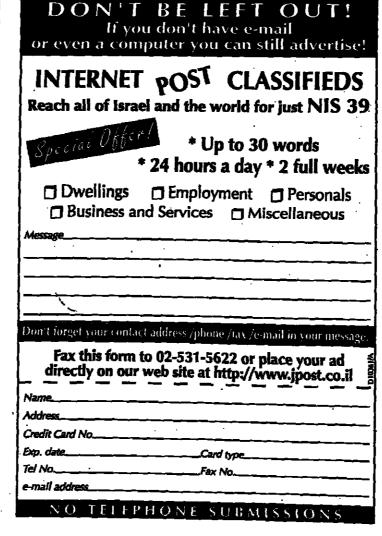
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Investment guru thrives in untamed Russian

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Reuter) When veteran investor Mark Mobius looks at the world, he sees emerging tigers, slow-turning battleships, and plenty of risk and he loves it.

markets

"We thrive on unpopularity. If everybody else is buying, there's no opportunity," said Mobius, who circles the globe in search of bargains for the Templeton global funds under his management with assets of about \$10 billion.

Born on Long Island near New York City and now a German citizen based in Hong Kong, the 60-year-old Mobius has gained fame for shrewd stock picks in exotic markets, such as India and Vietnam, which are still shunned by most investors.

Mobius, in Sao Paulo this week visiting companies and promoting his book, "The Investor's Guide to Emerging Markets," said in an interview that the world is waking up to the promise of developing

"These markets have gotten more liquid and more transparent. Prices are going up, but we will continue to find opportunities," said Mobius, dapper in a yellow suit and cobalt blue shirt and with a shiny bald head.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union and a worldwide shift away from closed socialist-style economies, emerging markets are attracting large institutional investors and fund managers combing the globe for higher returns.

But the change is not coming overnight. And while the global trend toward free markets is widely seen as irreversible, officials in the developing world are not always thrilled to see investors like Mobius and his team

"A Russian official asked one of my analysts, 'So, is your capitalist destruction of our economy on schedule?' My analyst said, 'Actually, it's ahead of schedule," Mobius joked.

Still, investors used to trading in US, European, and Japanese markets will find it disconcerting when they venture into Africa, Asia and Latin America where the rules are often murky and regulation thin, he said.

"Corporate governance, minority rights, transparency, surveillance and compliance. These will be big shockers," he said. They are not, of course, shock-

ers for Mobius, a 30-year veteran of global investment fund management.

Mobius now manages 33 Templeton funds with stock and cash investments in 40 countries, including Hong Kong, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico. When he joined Templeton International in 1987, the firm had investments in just seven countries.

Templeton has since become part of the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds, based in San Mateo, Calif., whose 120 mutual funds with more than \$169 billion in assets rank it as the fifth-largest fund company in the United

While some nations like Taiwan, South Korea and Indonesia, the so-called Asian tigers, have seen swift, dramatic economic change, others, such as Brazil, have made the transition to market-based economics more slowly.

"Brazil is like a big battleship," Mobius said. "It's slow in turning around, but that's healthy because once you get it going in the right direction, you know you have a consensus."

Mobius, who has lived in Asia for 30 years, embodies the frenetic pace of the Far East's emerging markets. Known for racking up frequent-flier miles, he is said to rarely sleep in the same country more than two or three days in a

His schedule changes so frequently that his Brazilian hosts at Sao Paulo's Banco Tendencia were not even sure where he was off to next.

"He may be going to Argentina, but we're not sure," a Tendencia official said.

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Cuba woos foreign **business**

HAVANA (Reuter) - Cuba said yesterday it increasingly appreciated the role of small or mediumsized businesses in its economy, including those involved in foreign investment on the island.

Foreign Investment Minister Ibrahim Ferradaz told a business seminar Cuba had moved away from a policy of large-scale enterprises toward favoring smaller

Some 400 large state-owned firms were turned into 4,000 much smaller farm cooperatives in the last few years, he said.

Small to medium-sized state firms in the pharmaceuticals and biotechnology sector have been efficient in developing vaccines, he added.

Ferradaz said more than threequarters of the 260 joint ventures and economic associations with foreign firms in Cuba involved investments no larger than \$5 mil-

Ferradaz spoke at the start of a meeting in Havana sponsored by the European Union and organized with the European Association of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses.

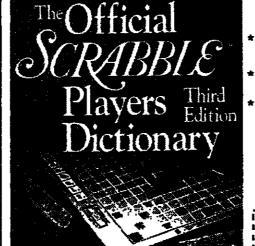
Cuba sought technology, capital and access to foreign markets from its joint ventures, the minister said.

But he indicated that for the moment at least, Cuba's interest in smaller firms was confined either to the state sector - foreign investment has been in joint ventures with state-owned firms - or to areas where the state continues to exert some control, such as the farm cooperatives.

Ferradaz later told reporters that there were "hundreds" of such firms in the country, including the cooperatives that are supplied by the state and are obliged to provide the state with fixed quotas of produce, which limits their auton-

The only private enterprises permitted are small private farms and businesses run by people who are self-employed. This category is strictly regulated to ensure it remains just that - with no employment by individuals of

other individuals. Foreign observers of the Cuban economy have said the island should start allowing private firms as a next step in economic



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Shares fall as central bank lets rates stand

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Two-Sided Index

SHARES fell amid expectations the Bank of Israel's benchmark interest rate would change little when the central bank announced its monetary policy for December. After Tel Aviv Stock Exchange closed for the day, the central bank said that, as expected, it will not change the rate at which it lends to

banks, leaving it at 15.2 percent, Clal Electronics Industries rose after Applied Materials, the world's largest maker of semiconductormanufacturing equipment, said it would buy a company in which Clai Electronics holds a stake. The stock gained 2% after announcing it expected to receive \$50 million for its 31% stake in Opal Inc., which makes microscope systems.

Ormat Industries, a Yavne-based company, also rose after it said it expects a subsidiary to receive \$16.5m. from the sale of its stake in Orbot Instruments to Applied

Maof Index

Materials. Orbot makes optical inspection systems. Ormat's shares rose 5.5%.

The Maof index of 25 issues fell 0.79% to 206.25 and the Twosided index of 100 issues fell 0.72% to 196.79. The general bond index fell 0.16%.

Of 973 shares trading across the exchange, as many shares rose as fell. Some NIS 60.6m. of shares changed hands, NIS 5.8m, below yesterday's level.

Exporter Israel Chemicals Ltd. declined 1.25%, which Meytes said may be more indicative of future earnings expectations for the company than the third-quarter

earnings it announced yesterday. The chemical manufacturer fell after it said third-quarter profits rose 162% compared to the same quarter last year and stood at \$17.6m. Sales rose 16% to \$415.2m.

Eurobourses gain as London inflation fears dim

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses traded bullishly yester-day, with Frankfurt and Amsterdam closing floor transactions at record highs. London ended only 19 points short of its intra-day peak on the eve of the British budget.

In London leading stocks ended 36 points up as their momentum from Friday's dramatic rise followed through amid subsiding fears of an inflationary budget today and after Wall Street nudged through its previous trading high.

The FTSE 100 index ended 35.9 points higher at 4,054.6. In Frankfurt, the 30-share DAX index closed up 35.50 at 2,799.19.

The market was boosted by Deutsche Telekom, floated last week in the largest share sale in European history. It was the heaviest-traded stock and ended up 3 percent as initial profit-taking waned. On the Paris bourse, French shares headed higher to put on nearly 1% after a climb on Friday

of 0.98%. The CAC-40 share index

finished up 21.67 at 2,277.14.

Dow eclipses 6,500 mark WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue-chip shares extended November's rally vesterday, boosting the Dow Jones industrial average above 6,500 for the first time, as interest rates fell

in bond trading. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 76.03 points to close at 6,547.79, en route to its 12th record close in the last 14 sessions and bringing the year's gain to about 28 percent.

Broader measures also set new highs, led by banks and other financial services issues that index fell 2.61 to 588.16.

would benefit from the improving interest rate environment.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond touched last week's eight-month low at 6.40 percent before settling at about 6.42%, down from 6.44% late Friday.

 Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by 11-to-6 on the New YORK STOCK EXCE with 1.649

up, 904 down and 796 unchanged.
The Nasdaq composite rose 6.15
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BARAK be suspicious about, since these

(Continued from Page 1) Barak is demanding to have the convention and primaries at the same time, rather than on two separate and costly occasions. He suspects Ramon, Beilin and the others of scheming to pass a decision at the convention to postpone the leadership showdown indefinitely, and insists the leadership showdown be held no later than June 3, as specified by the party

Sources close to Barak said he would accept the compromise and have the convention before the primaries, if the MKs in the rival camp promise not to try to postpone the leadership showdown

Sources close to Barak reacted angrily to Ramon and his people's calling Barak overly suspicious. They noted Barak had plenty to people were trying to trick him and cause trouble between him and Peres, and were constantly hinting that Barak wanted to get rid of Peres. The sources attacked Ramon for

hinting that Barak's position would lead to a split in the party, noting that "it is strange that Ramon should threaten a split, in view of the disastrous results of his splitting from the party to run in the Histadrut. Today it is clear that Ramon's devastation of the Histadrut cost Labor those 30,000 votes required to win the elections."

Sources close to Barak said although he has the support of the majority of the central committee members, many might be embar-rassed to vote against Peres open-

NETZARIM

(Continued from Page 1) Kostiner said life in the settlement has returned to normal, although "the tension in Gaza and Netzarim is high, and I think it will take a few days before it returns to what it was prior to Sunday."

Kostiner said he was told by the IDF commander of the region that "if this happens again, we will open the road at any cost."

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, which had planned to block a number of roads in the territories as a retaliatory measure yesterday morning, called off this action at the request of the Prime

The road from the Netzarim junction to the Mediterranean Sea passes within a few meters of the settlement, and has been closed to all but Jewish traffic since a suicide attack killed three soldiers there in November 1994.

In a related development, some 60 cars belonging to settlers from Nahliel, Talmon, and Dolev blocked the Beitunia-Mahane Ofer road west of Ramallah yesterday to protest what they said is a dramatic increase in rockthrowing incidents on that road, which links the settlements northwest of Ramallah with Jerusalem.

Liat Collins and Itim contributed to this report.

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Shaq's errant foul shooting costs Lakers; Sonics beat Knicks

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal moved across the country to play for a new team. Unfortunately for the Los Angeles Lakers, Shaq still can't make an uncontest-

O'Neal missed all four of his free-throw attempts in the final 1:13 Sunday night, allowing the Houston Rockets to avenge its only loss this season with a 90-85 victory

Charles Barkley's 3-pointer with 55.6 seconds remaining gave Houston its first lead of the second half, and the Rockets (12-1) went on to their sixth straight win. Houston's only loss was a 126-115 dou-

ble-overtime setback to the Lakers at Houston on November 12. "I have to take the blame," said O'Neal, who went 3-for-11 from the line. "I'll just

have to come out and try harder. I had a chance to personally pick up this team. I didn't do it.' O'Neal, a poor free-throw shooter throughout his career, is just 54-of-118 this

season (45.8 percent). Barkley's 3-pointer put the Rockets on

top 86-85. He made 1-of-2 free throws with 18.9 seconds left to give Houston a two-

Los Angeles reserve Jerome Kersey missed a forced 10-foot running shot with about six seconds left, and Houston's Kevin Willis made a three-point play with 1.1 seconds to go, completing the scoring.

"We were mentally tough down the stretch and played terrific," Barkley said. We hung together, made the big plays. The-game should never have been that close, they let us hang around. You have a ninepoint lead at home, you should win the game." But not with O'Neal on the line. SuperSonics 102, Knicks 92

Visiting Seattle encountered little resistance in winning its 11th-straight game. Shawn Kemp scored 22 points, Detlef Schrempf had 17, and Gary Payton had 16 points and 11 assists as Seattle placed five players in double figures.

John Starks, Allan Houston and Chris Childs led New York with 13 points each. Patrick Ewing shot just 2-for-15 and scored eight points, only the 32nd time in his career that he has failed to score in double

Heat 87, Suns 84

7.6 seconds left as visiting Miami kept points and 10 rebounds. Phoenix the NBA's only winless team.

Even the return of Kevin Johnson to the lineup couldn't save the Suns from tying franchise records with their 12th consecutive loss and sixth straight defeat at home. Johnson, who had 15 points in 39 minutes, missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Grizzlies 96, Spurs 91 Rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim came off the bench with 18 points, nine rebounds and nine assists as host Vancouver got its second win this season.

Abdur-Rahim, 19, who left the University of California after his freshman season, made two free throws with 50.3 seconds remaining to put Vancouver ahead 92-90, and then iced the win with two more foul shots after being intentionally fouled with Anthony Peeler added 17 points and

Bryant Reeves contributed 15 points and eight rebounds for Vancouver, which snapped a four-game losing streak.

San Antonio, still without injured center Alonzo Mourning scored 20 points and David Robinson, lost its fifth straight.

Dan Majerle made a crucial 3-pointer with Dominique Wilkins led the Spurs with 26 Celtics 105, Mavericks 91

Dana Barros scored 21 points as host Boston won for just the third time this year. Dino Radja had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Celtics. Chris Gatling led Dallas with 23 points and 11 rebounds, and Jim Jackson also had 23 for the Mavericks. Boston led by as many as 23 points with 29 seconds left in the third quarter before the: Mavericks went on a 28-11 run, cutting the deficit to 95-89 when Jason Kidd forced a turnover and Jackson converted the layup with 1:20 left. But Rick Fox made a layup at the other end and the Celtics made just

Cavaliers 103, Kings 74 Terrell Brandon scored 21 points to lead host Cleveland to its 7th win in 9 games. The Cavaliers lead the league in fewest points allowed and are holding opponents to .398 field goal shooting for the season. They held the Kings to 35 percent (24-of-68) shooting.

enough free throws down the stretch to ice it.

Tyrone Hill had 17 points for the Cavs, while Mitch Richmond led Sacramento

Windies face daunting task

BRISBANE (Reuter) - Wrist played with poise and aggression. spinner Shane Warne made a crucial breakthrough after Australia set West Indies a daunting victory target of 420 in the first Test

But there were ominous signs late in the day that West Indies number three Brian Lara could yet ruin Mark Taylor's calculations, although history still favors an Australia victory.

At close of play on the fourth day at the Gabba, West Indies were 89 for one in 29 overs, still needing another 331 runs to win from a minimum of 90 overs after an absorbing day.

Warne dismissed opener Robert Samuels for 29 at the end of an extraordinary over that also featured one six, two fours and a dropped catch. Lara, the world record holder for

the highest score in Test and firstclass cricket, stroked five boundaries in a late flourish to remain unbeaten on 29 at the close.

The West Indies vice-captain

appearing untroubled in partnership with opener Sherwin Campbell, who finished on 28 not out. . If West Indies reach their target

of 420 it will be the highest winning second innings total in the history of the game. Warne, playing in his first Test since undergoing surgery on the ring finger of his bowling hand in

on to wicketkeeper Ian Healy's The ball looped gently to Taylor at first slip for a simple catch to give Warne his third wicket.

May, found the inside edge of

Samuels's bat, deflecting the ball

Earlier in the over, Samuels smashed a six over deep square leg, hit one four and was then dropped on the boundary by pace bowler Paul Reiffel, who allowed the ball to roll over the boundary rope for another four.

Resuming on eight for no wicket, Australia reached 217 for six in 65 overs before captain Taylor declared the innings just after tea.

AQUAMAN – Israel Paralympian Shlomi Eiger gets set for action at recent exhibition match in Ramat

Taking the plunge

HEATHER CHAIT

THE abandoned missile which exploded and shattered young Shlomi Eiger's leg a few years ago did

Eiger, who is now 18 and represented Israel at this year's Paralympics in Atlanta, also swam recently in an exhibition during the Rosenzweig Family Swimming Championships for Disabled Children. The event at the Ilan Sports Center for the Disabled in Ramat Gan attracted more than 250 swimmers from the age of five upwards.

RABIN TOURNAMENT: The first Rabin Tennis Tournament, which is to become an annual event in the memory of Yitzhak Rabin, was held on Friday at the Dan Accadia Hotel in Herzliya on the courts where Rabin and his wife, Leah, were honorary members. Leah Rabin recalled Rabin's love of the game and how his happiest hours were spent on the court. General Manager of the Dan Accadia, Jacob Sudri, who now partners Leah Rabin in her weekly game, welcomed the players, mostly diplomats, to the event in a "pleasant atmosphere of remembrance."

After the competition, Amos Mansdorf defeated Shlomo Glickstein 4-2 in an exhibition match between the two greats of Israeli tennis. The players showed that tennis really can be a gentlemen's game with courteous behavior, smiles and friendly banter on court.

HANDBALL: Israel took third place in the Six Nations handball tournament in Amsterdam but the final scores did not make the headlines. The real action was the game between Israel and Egypt which did not do much for the peace process. Five years ago the two teams drew 17-17 and since then, Egypt has risen to become a major force, taking sixth place in Atlanta. The traditional pre-match handshakes surged forward, winning 20-16.

Two players landed up in hospital with broken bones, three others needed medical treatment and the game degenerated into the worst example of sportsmanship. Still, a spectacular win for Israel.

MASADA RUN: Following the 2.5 kilometer snake path up Masada were 3 runners who defied the 300m steep route to enter the second Masada Run. First to reach the summit was 36-year-old Fabio Ciaponi from Italy, who clocked 10:57 minutes. Besides the height differences, the ages of the entrants varied from 13-year-old Itamar Goslan from the Tamar regional council to 84-year-old Bruno Fish from

Amit Ne'eman (39) was the first Israeli male home in 11:59 with Nili Abramski (26) leading the women in 13.33 and finishing fourth overall. Braving the route were two barefoot Druse girls,

with 14-year-old Hamuda Slam taking second place among the women in 14:45.

SWIMMING: Showing that politics and sport can go together was Zina Ashrawi, Hanan's daughter, who competed in the Tel Aviv championships (short course pool) over the weekend in Ramat Aviv.

Ashrawi, swimming the 100m freestyle, finished second to last in her race but her presence was keenly noted. Making more conventional waves were ital Cashriel and Eran Garumi who were named as the best swimmers of the event. Cashriel's time in the 100m backstroke was 1:05.60 and Garumi swam the 100m butterfly in 57.74.

BOWLS: Ramat Gan's bowlers made a clean sweep of the Annual National Interclub Premier Leagues at their own club over the weekend, winning both the men's and women's sections.

The men needed full points in their last two rounds for victory and did so by beating both Netanya and Haifa 6-0. Playing for the winners were George Kaminsky skipping for Rami Oren, Uri Hakak and Avi Rakiya and Maximo Wagensberg skipping for Yitzhak Dunsky, Roman Spiro and Moshe Braun.

The women's team of Rina Lebel with Tami Kamzel, Tzila Gavish and Rivi Meirav and Naomi Fix with Edna Zomberg, Nina Hakak and Miri-Goldfarb won the Mendi Donner Trophy, snatching the lead when previous leaders Ra'amana dropped four points against Savyon.

TENNIS: Some 450 players showed up for the 15th All in the Family tournament, making it the biggest tennis happening in the country. Among the big names was Yair Wertheimer, past national champion, won ine izinei/son calego with son David With brother Ronny, Yair reached the semifinals of the siblings group which Ronen and Itai Ze'evi eventually won. The mother/daughter group was won by Shlomit Sabirsky and Sheli Alkabatz while Russell and Orit Meyers took the husband/wife cate-

Meanwhile back to the ATP Tour rankings which this week have Eyal Ran at 153, Nir Welgreen at 233, Noam Behr at 236 and Eyal Erlich at 262.

WEIGHTLIFTING: When 53-year-old Edi Brena, the men's national weightlifting coach, realized that a weightlifter was lacking for the over-108kg in the national championships, there was nothing else to do but change clothes and roles from trainer to entrant and ... carry off the silver medal.

· Brena, the national champion for 17 successive years in the 82.5kg class, now weighs 110kg, which suited him perfectly.

Argonauts top Eskimos for Grey Cup

Making the biggest racket

Men's and women's Top 20 tennis rankings

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Men's ranking after year-ending ATP Championships. 1. Pete Sampras (US)

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HAMILTON (AP) - The elements couldn't slow down Doug Flutie, so what chance did the Edmonton

Eskimos have? Flutie battled through blowing snow and arctic temperatures to lead the Toronto Argonauts to a 43-37 victory over the Edmonton Eskimos on Sunday night in the

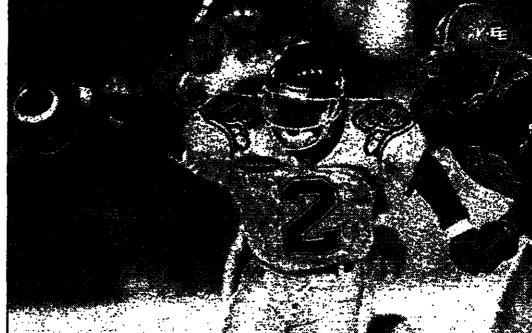
Grey Cup.
"You can't shut Doug down," said Eskimos defensive back Glean Rogers Jr. "You just have to keep him under control." Edmonton didn't do a very good

job of that either. Flutic quashed talk that he couldn't play in cold weather by running for a touchdown and keeping the CFL's top defense off

Flutie, who was the CFL's outstanding player this season, was also named the game's top per-Vanderjagt, who kicked five field goals, was voted the top Canadian. The win returns the Grey Cup to Canada as the Baltimore Stallions claimed the CFL championship

Edmonton pulled within 33-30 on Eric Blount's 5-yard touchdown run with seven minutes remaining. The Eskimos remained in the game because Toronto receiver Jimmy "The Jet" Cunningham dropped certain touchdown passes in the third and fourth quarters.

But Flutie marched Toronto 71 yards, including a controversial third-down gamble where the ball loose, setting up Vanderjagt's 27-yard field goal at Super Bowl like that?"



SCRAMBLER - Toronto Argonauts Doug Flutie (2) escapes a blitz from the Edmonton Eskimos in Grey Cup action.

The 80 points were the secondmost in Grey Cup history topped. only by Saskatchewan's 43-40

win over Hamilton in 1989. "That's the full package," Flutie said of winning both awards. "It's been missing the last few years ... It was fun, man.

"The guys just played their heart out. And the big plays. Look at the score, 43-37. When was the last

Toronto's Adrion Smith iced the shroughout the game. The tempertouchdown with 1:22 remaining.

McManus hit Marc Tobert with a 7-yard touchdown pass with nine seconds left. Toronto recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock for its first Grey Cup since 1991.

Tractors had to remove snow from the field prior to the game, as well as at halftime as snow fell

win, returning an interception of ature at game time was 14 Danny McManus 49 yards for a degrees, with 15 mph winds.

The dismal weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the raucous gathering of 38,595, which was the biggest ever at Ivor Wynne Stadium, but still 1,805 short of a seliout.

It was also the smallest announced Grey Cup crowd since 32,454 attended the 1975 game in Calgary.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

HUNGARY'S Keller Quartet, one of the leading string quartets of our generation, performs in Kfar Sava tonight (8:30) playing quartets by Beethoven (op. 74). Bartok (No. 6) and Dvorak (the "American"). Friday at noon this Hungarian foursome is in Beersheba performing the same Dvorak opus as well as Mozart's K.421 quartet and the Brahms clarinet quintet with Chen Halevi. The Keller Israeli tour ends Saturday (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum where it plays the

tomorrow (8:30), performing two relatively

unknown Schubert works for violin and orchestra

with Yuri Gluhovsky as soloist as well as the same

composer's fifth symphony and the Israeli pre-

miere of Rautavara's Pelimannit-Fiddlers and

Not wishing to stand behind other local orches-

tras, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra is pre-

miering a work by young, prize-winning Israeli composer Oded Zehavi, Dagan, a Phantasy, will

be performed by the orchestra under music direc-

tor David Shallon who also leads his musicians in

Elgar's Enigma Variations. Imogen Cooper plays

Beethoven's third piano concerto. Tomorrow and

Thursday (8) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

HANOCH Levine's mordant, despair-driven

comedies first ravished theatergoers in the '70s,

and ensuing years have simply added to his mys-

tique. Hefetz, the story of a terminal loser who

threatens suicide because he's not invited to a

family wedding, is one of the best. The excellent

Cameri Theater revival directed by Ilan Ronen

stars long-time Levine specialists like Tikki

Dayan, Yitzhak Hizkiya, Yosef Carmon and

Ya acov Cohen in the title role. Tonight on the

Cameri mainstage at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew with

simultaneous translation into English.)

ACROSS

1 Inevitable parting gift from Midas (6,9)

9 That's what you think! (7)

10 Gardeners like to get it up

12 Ian's confused with love for

13 A number with deposit

16 Deteriorate and become a

17 Bitterness associated with

18 Make watchful remarks?

21 Radiators mean he has

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drug-taker (2,2,3)

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Hungary's Keller Quartet plays Beethoven, Bartok and Dvorak Mozart, Bartok and Dvorak in Kfar Sava.

The Israel Camerata Jerusalem plays at the Tel Aviv Museum tonight and at the Holon Theater

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

24 A bit on the side? (5)

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them (8,7)

25 Lovely article in wood (4)

28 For which a damp course is

29 Numbers take charge in

30 A new broom often makes

DOWN

1 Increasing anxieties expressed in nurseries (7,8)

2 Spent money on things like

4 Distribute information for

free range eggs (4,3)

the press (7)

3 Time's up! Come out! (4)

FILM ADINA HOFFMAN

*** ELECTIVE AFFINITIES - Paolo and Vittorio Taviani's adaptation of Goethe's 1809 German novel, this is the most perversely decorous account of sexual skullduggery to reach the screen since Dangerous Liaisons. With Isabelle Huppert and Jean-Hugues Anglade. (French dialogue, English and Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

*** FARGO - The least fraught and most affectionate of brothers Joel and Ethan Coen's films to date, Fargo is based on an improbablesounding true story about a Minneapolis car dealer (William H. Macy) who runs into debt and concocts a desperate scheme to make back some quick cash.

As a guileless and very pregnant small-town police chief, Frances McDormand brings into amiable focus the whole warped-tender-cheerful caustic battery of feelings the Coens still seem to harbor for their home state. (English dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly advised.)

***1/2 THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME - Walt Disney's attempt at the gothic. The Hunchback is a spooky film that doesn't shy away from the heavier themes of the Victor Hugo novel and is a remarkably eerie and engaging cartoon. (In both English and Hebrew versions. General audiences.)

5 Love a duck! (7)

Sunday (4)

14 Lean over (5)

on top? (5)

simple (7)

6 Miss having a nap on

7 Cut a tea break and get

8 Propellers of Jumbo jets?

15 Negotiate a loan and stay

19 Short cut across the beach

20 To give reasons is no longer

27 Indian currency goes up

things moving (7)

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6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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8:00 Moses and Jewish Tradition 8:30 Family Connections 9:00 Literature 9:30 Health 9:45 Programs for children 10:00 Our Friends 10:05 Stones in

15:30 Tinytown Tales 15:50 The Adventures of Dodo 16:00 The Mysterious Island 16:25 What's the Notse – classical music 16:45 Super Ben 16:55 Zap to Zionism 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Shakeup – live show 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Apropo 19:00 News in Arabic HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News Flash 19:31 A Strong Card - feats of magic with Lior Manor 20:00 News 20:50 Lotto results live 20:55 Mine Host Meni Pe'er 22:00 Betrayal documentary about the double world of an East German underground figure who reported on the group's members to the secret police. (50 mins.) 23:00 Saint-Seens's Cello Concerto – performed by Kyril Zletnikov and the Israel Philharmonic, conducted by Zubin Mehta 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the

E CHANNEL 2

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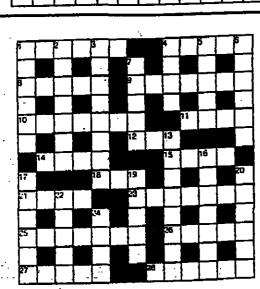
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25 Maybe (7)

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Neighbors, passersby look on as assailant flees scene JUDY SIEGEL

ing in the hospital yesterday after a masked haredi thug entered her home and beat her, apparently because she was sheltering a mother of 12 whose husband initiated divorce procedures against

After the intruder beat her with a rolling pin all over her body on Sunday evening, he fled, but was not stopped by dozens of Geula quarter neighbors and passersby who assembled on her doorstep. Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said police had

five haredi suspects and would soon apprehend them. Dalia Batzon, 37, a mother of six, was treated in the emergency room of Hadassah-University

was sent after notifying police on Sunday night. She said the "modesty squad" in the area threatened last week that they would "kill" her and "make it look like an accident" if she con-

Hospital in Ein Kerem where she

tinued to harbor a 46-year-old haredi woman in her apartment. Then, on Sunday, she heard a "soft knock" on her door and opened it, thinking it was one of her daugh-

A "very thin man 1.75 or 1.80 meters tall" wearing a stocking cap over his face pushed his way in, hitting her with the rolling pin and pressing it against her neck. She was alone in the house with the other woman; who telephoned the police twice saying "a murder

ters returning from a friend's

Batzon, who suffered bruises all over her body, said the attacker "lay on top of me and hit me. and then I sat on top of him. These people say touching a woman is forbidden, but for this brute, lying on top of me was kosher. I could feel his payot (sidecurls) under the stocking cap but could not pull it off to see

is going on."

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his face. Then, when he saw he couldn't finish me off, he ran away. The neighbors, afraid of the modesty squad, just parted to let him go through.

The victim said the woman she has sheltered for four months was her former partner in a textile import business. Batzon's husband, a scribe in Mea She'arim, supported her charitable act, giving the woman one of their three rooms and free board.

The textile business closed when the older woman's husband of 25 years filed for a divorce, "even though it was he who had committed adultery. He was supposedly a yeshiva student, and from a well-known family, but he stayed at home all day, and last Tisha Be'av, he beat her.'

Batzon noted that a planned shelter for battered haredi women has not opened yet, thus she had no alternative but to help her



Mother of six Dalia Batzon recovers from an attack, apparently by the 'modesty squad' over sheltering a woman, at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem.

Ben-Ruby did not confirm that haredi community, but said comthe attacker was from the reputed plaints by the haredi community "modesty squads" operating in the against its own are rare.

20,000 complaints of domestic violence filed in '95

SOME 20,000 domestic violence complaints were filed last year, 15,500 of them by women. This year there has been an increase in the number of complaints filed by men, but a drop in those filed by women, according to Supt. Sando Mazor, head of the police investigations branch.

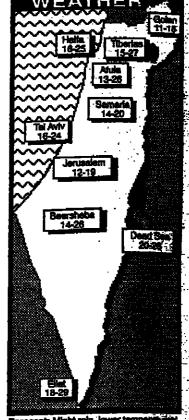
According to statistics, each year about a dozen women are murdered by their spouses. Mazor said he would commission a study of such cases to see if abuse complaints had been filed beforehand, and whether these were properly handled.

Mazor, who was addressing a

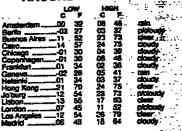
WIZO-organized study day in Tel Aviv yesterday to mark International Prevent Domestic Violence Day, said many women do not file complaints about such abuse, while 17 percent of complaints are mutual.

Mazor said the attitude among police toward domestic violence had changed since 1990 from a more forgiving one, to one more intent on enforcing the law.

The question of whether or not there should be a minimum sentence for domestic violence was raised at the gathering. State Attorney Edna Arbel said that, while such a thing runs counter to the Israeli judicial system, she would support legislation to set minimum sentences for sex crimes and domestic violence, which would still leave the judge latitude. (Itim)



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

IN yesterday's daily Chance draw-: ing, the winning cards were the & of spades, the 10 of hearts, the king of diamonds and the queen of

Sanctions effective against men who refuse to divorce wives **EVELYN GORDON**

A NEW law enabling rabbinical courts to impose sanctions on men who refuse to divorce their wives has proven effective when used, but many rabbinical courts make little use of it; the Knesset Law Committee was told yesterday.

The law, passed about a yearand-a-half ago, enables the rabbinical courts to impose a variety of sanctions, including confiscating the recalcitrant husband's passport or driver's license, deny-ing him the right to practice certain professions, shutting down his bank account or even putting him in prison.

Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan, director committee that one or more of these sanctions has been applied 50 times over the past year-and-ahalf. In 18 of these 50 cases, the man has since agreed to grant his wife a divorce. This represents a success rate of some 36%, which is by itself an improvement with respect to hard-core cases, he said. However, he added, in many

other cases the courts have found that the mere threat of imposing sanctions is sufficient.

Committee members, however, were disturbed by the fact that only a few rabbinical courts made much use of the law. Of the 50 cases in which sanctions were imposed, 18 were heard by one panel in Haifa, and 10 by the special rabbinical court in Jerusalem. Only in 12 of the 50 cases did any other court make use of these sanctions, and many courts including the regular rabbinical court in Jerusalem, the Beersheba court and six of the seven panels on the Tel Aviv court - made no

Ben-Dahan said he believed this was partly because many rabbinical judges are still not comfortable with the new law, and partly because many lawyers and rabbinical pleaders are not aware that they can now request the imposition of sanctions. He said he did not know what percentage of requests for sanctions were granted.

Officers: Reserve dodgers could affect war readiness

LIAT COLLINS

MEMBERS of the Forum of Reserve Battalion Commanders presented the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday with statistics on motivation and evasion of service of reserve soldiers, claiming the problem is so bad that in the event of war the effect could be felt in the field. Lt.-Col. (res.) Arieh Neiger, battalion commander of a paratrooper unit, said "tens of thousands of soldiers a year get out of reserve duty on some pretext or another. Only 10 percent of healthy men who are

fit for service do reserve duty, so the burden falls on a minority. According to the figures present-ed, of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers fit for reserve duty, 8.6 percent are fit for combat units but only 76 percent of them are called for service and a quarter of those

have some form of exemption.

MK Ori Orr (Labor) said if all the men who could serve in the army were inducted, and if all did full service of at least 30 months, there would be no need for reserve duty other than for training practice. He specifically mentioned haredim, hesder units and Nahal soldiers. This statement got a mixed review from the MKs.

The forum officers said soldiers who do reserve duty are made to feel like suckers, instead of feeling honored. They said a growing number of employers preferred not to give work to those people likely to be called up for long periods of combat reserve duty; some illegally fired reserve soldiers while they are on active duty; and some academic institutes including the Technion are causing students to fail a year if they are unable to take exams because of reserve duty.

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The forum presented several suggestions, including financial benefits for service and preventing discrimination in academic institutions against reservists who miss

The MKs agreed with the forum's suggestions and are considering setting up a subcomittee to investigate legislation and other methods of dealing with the problem.

One representative of the forum noted an experiment in which reservist drivers who asked for a exemption because they could nework behind the wheel had the drivers' licenses rescinded for certain period. The IDF found the number of drivers requesting exemptions dropped drastically The officers suggested similar ideas in other fields.

A brigadier general from the IDF Manpower Branch said the issue had been raised in the army more than two years ago. He agreed with the general picture presented and with the idea of financial compensation for service. He said although the numbers of military service evaders had increased recently, it had been greater during the intifada.



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